

SENDING

*Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Hymnal #729

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Go to the World!" Hymnal #295, vs 2
*Go to the world! Go into every place.
God live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Postlude

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Pastor: Rev. Sam Codington

Please rise in body or spirit, where you see an asterisk. *

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 8, 2023 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Music for Meditation "Together We Serve" arr. J. Rodriguez

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Words for Preparation:

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." 1 John 4:18.

Gathering Song

"Lord, We Do Love You"

*Lord, we do love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.*

Choral Introit

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

Call to Worship

Robert Goode

Leader: When we are wounded,
All: **in the place where we would know love,**
Leader: it is difficult to imagine,
All: **that love really has the power to change everything.**
Leader: No matter what has happened in our past,
All: **when we open our hearts to love,**
Leader: we can live as if born again,
All: **not forgetting the past,**

Leader: but seeing the past in a new way,
All: letting the past live inside us in a new way.
Leader: What we allow the mark of our hurts to become
All: is in our own hands. Love heals.

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymnal #611

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Leader: Opening our hearts enables us to receive the healing offered to us by those who care. In a prayer of confession, we open our hearts to God and to one another. Let us join together in a prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of healing and liberation, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know how much we desire to love and to be loved. We put a lot of things, pretenses, and defenses in the way of love. We fear opening our hearts to anyone, including you and even ourselves. We fear what might happen. We fear being hurt or disappointed. We can still feel where we have been hurt in the past. Yet, refusing to open our hearts hinders love and healing. We do not want to be closed off. Give us courage. Help us to trust. Help us to hear your words to us, "You are beloved."

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Drink from the crisp waters of forgiveness! God delights in you!

All: We are forgiven, loved, and filled with gratitude!

*Response "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me" Hymnal #582
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

Choir Anthem "Psalm 89: I Will Sing of the Mercies" arr. J. Rodriguez

Sermon on the Steps

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV)

Mark 1:9-13

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Embracing Belovedness" Rev. Sam Codington

RESPONDING

Welcome New Member

*Apostles Creed

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal #475

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

All: God of healing and liberation, you call us beloved. Help us to trust your love and to dedicate ourselves to growing in love each day. Lead us, we pray, amen.