

January 10, 2021 Worship (First Sunday after the Epiphany)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On that first day, when time began:

**P: you gave birth to creation;
light danced through the darkness;
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

L: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**P: you spoke of life for all your children,
as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,
dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

L: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**P: you call us to faithfulness,
as we open our hearts to you,
your voice claiming us as your own.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God, Wind upon the water: you move among us, sweeping aside our petty pride, and offering us the gifts of humility and servanthood.

You whisper of your yearning for peace and reconciliation, until it silences our angry voices and unclenches our fisted hearts. Be with us this day, as we gather, hear us as we cry: "Glory!" In Christ's name we pray, saying...

HYMN Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove #248

1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all your quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

2 Hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.

Waken our souls to joyful songs;
let pure devotion rise.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all your enlivening ways;
come, shed abroad the Savior's love,
and teach our hearts to praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, Give strength, O Lord, and bless us with peace.

CALL TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11

SERMON TITLE: The Heavens Torn Apart

HYMN Shall We Gather at the River #701 vs 1,3,4

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

CHARGE

Go forth in the light and love of God,
giving glory to God in all that you do.

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