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The Celebration of Worship Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.



All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29

PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Raymond H. Haan

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

*RESPONSE

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

words and music: Lanny Wolfe

Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His might - y pow - er and His grace.
I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face.
Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

God of light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. Too often we choose to associate with people who are like us, and then look down on others who differ from us. It is easier to discover their sins than to admit our own.

Save us from our earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the star that draws all people to You. Awed by Your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship You.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Doug Chambers

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 62

Love the Lord Your God

GREAT COMMANDMENT

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Johnson

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Delicate Child of Royal Line

Hermann Schroeder

*Doxology

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely,
and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Sing a New Song

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
arr. Mark Schweizer

*Sing a new song! Sing to God with a voice of triumph!
Make His praises known to all the nations.
Sing the honor of His name!*

The Geneva Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Genesis 1:1-5; Pew Bible, OT, p. 1	Christian Johnson
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 22:23-32; Pew Bible, NT, p. 25	
EPISTLE LESSON	2 Timothy 3:1-5; Pew Bible, NT, p. 212	Bill McCoy
SERMON	What's Right With You?	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 697	Take My Life	HENDON
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING		Bill McCoy
*HYMN OF PARTING		HYMN 541

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

*POSTLUDE	Jubilate Fred Gaul, organist	Stewart Landon
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We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Amelia Keller and James Odin for serving as acolytes during worship December 31.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Mike Abernethy, Ben Adams, Eddie Baker

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for the glory of God and in honor of Marian Chenoweth who celebrated her 94th birthday on January 6th, by Dennis and Nancy Winefordner.

Greeters today: Bonnie Brothers, Jeanne Javins, Brian and Pam Healy

We are thankful for the generous gifts given in memory of Ron Riley.

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