

St. Andrew Worship

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Baptismal Sunday
Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

God's voice speaks to our chaos, echoing in our empty hearts.

gathering us together to remember our baptism.

God's voice flows like the living waters of grace,

our new name, 'Beloved,' resounding in our souls.

God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope,

calling us to be bearers of peace to a world of broken hopes.

*Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Spirit and fire: baptized, we have not done a good job as your people. We are drawn to the shadows of sin, hoping you will not see our foolishness. We fall into the arms of temptation, letting it spin us until we are out of control. We selfishly cling to your hope and grace, convinced that others will misuse these gifts. Forgive us, Bearer of Grace. Touch us with your Spirit, so we may be restored to new life; touch us with your grace, so we may offer forgiveness to all people; touch us with your peace, so we might be healers to our world. This we pray in the name of the One who went into the waters of baptism to cleanse us of sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time of silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

We expect the fire of judgment,
but are given the Spirit of grace;
we expect God to yell at us,
but we are called by a new name;
we expect God to stay angry,
but we are handed the dove of peace.
This is the good news for us!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response: "Gloria Patri"

Anthem

"Order My Steps"

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

*Hymn 486

*"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized
with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has
sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of love, our love's expression, love's cre-
ation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our
spirits; into joy and laughter lead.
Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you
are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly
give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to
listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and
worship; trust and love God more than all.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer of Illumination (Responsive)

As water splashed across our face awakens us in the morn, may your Word awaken us to your presence. Wash us in your wisdom, bathe us in your goodness, refresh us with your grace, by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

First Lesson:

Acts 2:37-42

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Second Lesson:

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Sermon

“Infant Baptism”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Offertory

“Air From Overture in D” by J. S. Bach

Eileen Mihm, Flute & Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Through the power of your Spirit, bless these gifts that they might be used to the glory of your name. Seal us in our baptismal waters to put them to faithful work that they might support the missions of our calling. This we pray in your abundant name. Amen.

*Hymn 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

“I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

Refrain { *“I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”* }

“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

Refrain

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

Refrain

Benediction