## Prelude

#### **Welcome and Announcements**



## \*Call to Worship

Leader: In baptism God claims us **People: and names us Beloved.** Leader: In baptism Christ joins us

People: to himself and to one another.

Leader: In baptism the Spirit **People: is poured out upon us.** 

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful!

People: Thanks be to God!

# \*Hymn # 409 – God is Here

#### **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### Time with Children

After the Time with Children, we invite children to return to their seats and participate in the service. Activity bags may be found on the welcome table.

## **Choral Anthem**

# **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Claimed by God

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

# Sunday, January 8th

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

# \*Hymn # 515 – I Come with Joy

#### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

## The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your heart.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

## **Prayers of the People**

## The 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.

## The Sharing of the Meal

Sunday, January 8th

**Prayer After Communion** 

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Invitation to Offering** 

**Offertory** 

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

\*Hymn # 490 -Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – 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.

**Postlude** 



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.





Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

**BAPTISM** 

# 490

# Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new-born crea - tures 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your
- how deep your ho ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,



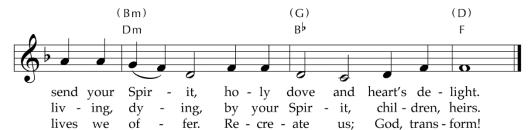
your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like of join your feast, par - tak - ing cup be fed. Let us we your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and liv - ing bread. re - new guide our bless ing, God, us; wor - ship, praise! lives we We your peo ple stand be -



a - noint them; spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our



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This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in The Book of Common Worship, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

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