



Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord

The video for this service is available at godslovenewtown.org.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision - Broughton

Cheri Tigh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG God of Wonders

Bill Lafty

Verse 1

Lord of all creation of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night (*Chorus 1*)

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth). Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth). You are holy, holy.

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me, Father hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia

by Bill Lafty

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4-11

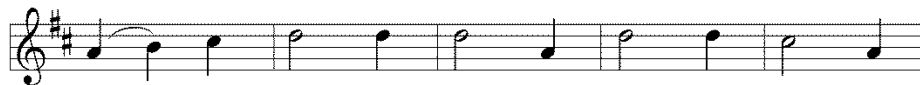
SERMON "Torn Apart into Torn Apart Places"

Pastor Dan Whitener

HYMN OF THE DAY



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition ends: "Let us pray," **All: Have mercy, O God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE *Please take this time to share the peace by sending a text or email to those on your mind.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessings. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. **All: Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC Come to the River – Hurd

Cheri Tigh

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **All: Amen.**

POSTLUDE All the People Say Amen – Maher

Bill Lafty

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Assisting Minister: *Vicar Brandi Hebert*

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Organist and Director of Choirs: *Cheri Tigh*

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