



The Celebration of Worship

Jan 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
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Worship Leader: Titus Toyama
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Titus Toyama

Leader: Come, come into the presence of the Lord today!

People: We come, with all the joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and cares.

Leader: You have been fashioned by God's love. You are called across the waters of creation to be a blessing.

People: We have been called to be people of hope and light.

Leader: You have been offered nourishment and cleansing by creation's waters.

People: Help us to receive again the blessing of adoption by God.

All: Amen.

Confession Prayer

Titus Toyama

All: God of mercy and love, You have called us over the waters, and through the waters of baptism You have blessed us. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed You. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for You. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised. We long for home and hope. Eternal God, cleanse us, heal us, and remind us that You have adopted us as Your beloved children. Help us to live as children of the light, serving You faithfully all our days. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Titus Toyama

Leader: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

All: Amen.

Response to God's Forgiveness (spoken)

Titus Toyama

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Titus Toyama

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

Children's Message

Veronica Gould

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Titus Toyama

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Haruko Sakakibara

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Titus Toyama

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that

is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

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John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“It’s Bath Time”

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

Time for silent reflection.

“Vision of Water” composed by Jun’ichi Kameyama

Holy Communion

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Grant us your peace.

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Titus Toyama

Doxology (spoken)

Titus Toyama

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Titus Toyama

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould
Lori Hart

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Benediction

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Response: “Shalom”

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Coffee Time Hosts

Parkview Presbyterian Women