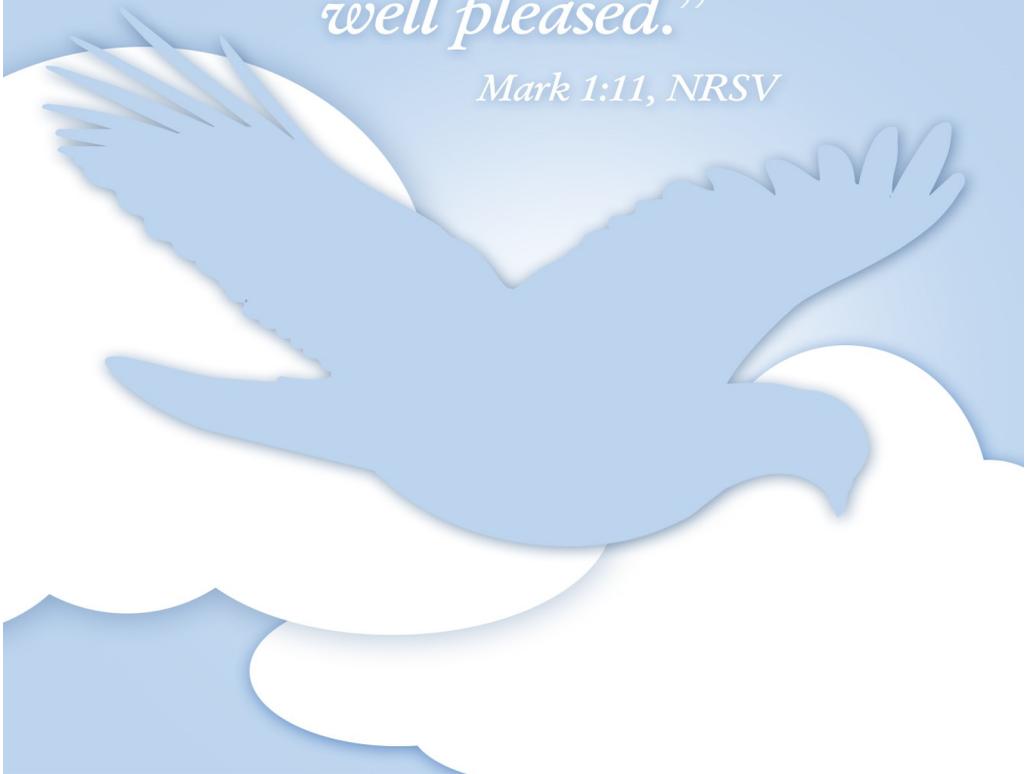


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And a voice came
from heaven,
“You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you I am
well pleased.”

Mark 1:11, NRSV



10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021
Sermon: God Is At Work



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

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Ushers: Tim Draube Team

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Cheney Neff

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as recreations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

P: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

P: And God said, "Let there be light."

C: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

C: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

C: The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

Opening Song **“Way Maker ”**

[Verse 1]

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You.

[Repeat]

[Chorus 1]

Hey, waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

My God, that is who You are.

Waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

My God, that is who You are.

[Verse 2]

You are here, touching ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, healing ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

[Verse 3]

You are here, turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

[Chorus 2]

Hey, waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

-- That is who You are.

Waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

My God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry life, I worship you, I worship You.

You are here, meeting ev'ry need, I worship You, I worship You.

Words and Music by Osinachi Okoro CCLI #11440148 and 20162974 and 20162974

Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Genesis 1:1–5 (God creates the heavens and the earth.)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Lesson Romans 6:1–11

(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶We know that our old self was

crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

(Jesus is baptized by John.)

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose

sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Confession and Absolution

P: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction " 10,000 Reasons, Bless The Lord"

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name,

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore (chorus twice)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name.

(Words/music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, 2011 Said And Done Music, Thankyou Music CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Word

"God Is at Work!"

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Matthew 6:21—For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Offertory “Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
(Chorus)
Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You...

2. Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King (Chorus)

3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery... (Chorus)

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The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your
Word including; Mariah Mahaney, Eliza Gunn, Christine Ramirez, Patrick De Mara,
Darin Grohs, Jessica Orr and Diane Hueschen, .Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

“God Is at Work!”

Text: Mark 1:4-11

Date: 01/10/2021

Verse to Remember:

“John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Mark 1:4

Points to Ponder:

1. Outward Sign of an Inward Faith:

- Faith without deeds is dead (James 2:26)

2. Means of Grace:

3. Sacraments:

4. The Greek word for repentance literally means

5. The Greek word often translated “for” could be translated

6. Jesus’ Baptism

Romans 6:3 “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”