

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ**



**First Sunday After Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ**

**Worship On-Line
Sunday, January 9, 2022**

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin

Welcome

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Call To Worship:

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

People: What have we done to deserve God's love.

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.

People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

_____ **Prayer of Invocation:** _____

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. Speak to us now, Holy Spirit and fill us so that we may live out our Baptismal vows, now and always. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (NCH) #27

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Verse 1:

From all the dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
through every land,
by every tongue.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Eternal are your mercies, God;
Your truth stands ever high and broad:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from
shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Children’s Story

Pastor Liz

Scripture Reading

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; ^[a] with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon: “Renewing Our Baptismal Vows and Covenant”

Closing Hymn: (NCH) #172

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

Verse 1:

Jesus call us,
o’er the tumult off our life’s wild,
restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying,
“Christian, follow me.”

Verse 4:

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”

Verse 5:

Jesus calls us!
By your mercies, Savior.
May we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love our best of all.

Closing Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Liz

Benediction

Pastor Liz



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