

**First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen**  
**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
January 10, 2021

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Call to Worship**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.<sup>[a]</sup> The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling<sup>[b]</sup> the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**The Song of Praise - #476 O Worship the King vs 1,2,5**

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

**The Corporate Confession - The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*catholic means universal

## **The Reading and Proclamation of Scripture – Pastor Dave Emery**

### **“Everything has a beginning”**

#### **Isaiah 40:27-31**

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

#### **The Song of Reflection - #411 Arise Your Light is Come**

1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

## **Prayer**

### ***The Closing Hymn - #466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace!

2 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,  
And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,  
Christ's blood availed for me.

4 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

## **Benediction and Postlude**