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The Baptism of Jesus Sunday

January 10, 2021 10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)

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Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are. We welcome all to join us in worship!

We are glad you've joined us to celebrate the mystery and gift of God's love for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving community of faith. We hope that in this time of worship you will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages you in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding you with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience.

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Our Vision Statement:

“To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.”

Are You New To Parkdale? To be added to our email list, please send your email address to Don Mockett at pdale@trytel.com. To sign up for our monthly eNewsletter, visit our website.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship is the traditional, unceded, unsundered territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this territory for thousands of years.

January 10, 2021

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP...

Stewardship Thought: *‘Loving God, do not wash us whiter than snow, or turn us into the light that banishes all darkness, the fair, bright and pure ones. Instead, please, bathe us in the earth’s soil, so that we may become the darkness that births new life, the deep, mysterious and mystic ones. Amen. (A prayer for Epiphany by Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith, The United Church of Canada Program Coordinator, Worship, Music and Spirituality)*

Lighting our Worship Candle

Rev. Alcris Limongi

Prelude

Alexandra Golod

Welcome and Gathering Words

Silence

Call to Worship

Rev. Alcris Limongi

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Many: Since the beginning the Spirit of God has moved through the ages.

One: At the appointed time, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus.

Many: Be with us now to fill us with awe at the wonder of your love and the continuous unfolding of your power.

One: Come, let us worship!

Opening Prayer

Rev. Alcris Limongi

Opening Hymn: Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise

VU #101

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem

in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word;
with your grace our lives endow,
grace to imitate you now,
that we like to you may be
at your great epiphany,
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

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Call to Reconciliation

Rev. Alcris Limongi

Confessing Together:

Almighty God, intimate and graceful, when we think of awe, our minds stumble. We know too much to be in awe; we have seen so much that we are jaded and weary. We fail to feel awe at your blessings of everyday, at the adventure of following you and be called your beloved children. Forgive us for we work hard to work our own blessedness forgetting that we are blessed

by your scandalous and mysterious grace. Make us sensible again to the manifestations of your love and power in these tumultuous times. Help us to hear the old stories afresh, open our eyes so we can see the heavens open and receive your words of belonging and affirmation with an open heart. May we hear your voice calling us again and be transformed by the light of your presence, by the power of your transforming love. Empower us by your Spirit to live according to your purpose for us in our here and now. In the name of the One who lived in the fullness of your love and power. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Words Announcing God's Assurance Huda Kandalaft (recorded)

Time with Children and Youth Huda Kandalaft (recorded)

Hymn: Crashing Waters At Creation tune (Stuttgart) VU # 449

1 Crashing waters at creation,
 ordered by the Spirit's breath,
 first to witness day's beginning
 from the brightness of night's death.

2 Parting water stood and trembled
 as the captives passed on through,
 washing off the chains of bondage -
 channel to a life made new.

3 Cleansing water once at Jordan
 closed around the one foretold,
 opened to reveal the glory
 ever new and ever old.

4 Living water, never ending,
 quench the thirst and flood the soul.
 Wellspring, Source of life eternal,
 drench our dryness, make us whole.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Genesis 1: 1-5

Mary McLeod (*recorded*)

Responsive Lesson: Psalm 29

(from VU, p. 756)

Rev. Alcris Limongi & Richard Hamley

One: Ascribe to God, you powers of the heaven,
ascribe to God all glory and strength!

**Many: Ascribe due honour to God's holy name,
and worship in the beauty of holiness.**

One: God's voice is over the waters -
God's glory thundering across the great waters.

Many: God's voice is power, God's voice is full of majesty.

One: God's voice shatters the cedars,
splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

**Many: God's voice makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
Mount Hermon stampede like a wild young bull.**

One: God's voice forks into tongues of fire,
God's voice shakes the wilderness,
sets trembling the wilderness of Kadesh.

**Many: God's voice causes the oaks to whirl,
stripping the forest bare;
and in the temple all cry: Glory!**

One: God sits enthroned above the waters,

Many: God is enthroned as sovereign forever.

One: You give strength to your people, O God.

Many: Now give to your people the blessing of peace.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (2x)

VU#38

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Katie Keys (*recorded*)

Anthem: *Wade in the Water*

Sung by Perry Williams and the Senior Choir

(*recorded*)

God's a-going to trouble the water

Chorus (sung twice)

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water
God's a-going to trouble the water

See that host all dressed in white
God's a-going to trouble the water
The leader looks like the Israelite
God's a-going to trouble the water
(Chorus)

See that band all dressed in red
God's a-going to trouble the water
Looks like the band that Moses led
God's a-going to trouble the water
(Chorus)

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Message: *Marked By An Identity* Rev. Alcris Limongi

Silence

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

WE RENEW OUR BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT ...

One: Blessed are you, our God, Ruler of the universe, Maker of heaven and earth, Keeper of sky and sea. In your goodness you give us the sign of water. At the beginning your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, breaking the waters with the word of power, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Over and over again you have shown your grace to us as water – cleansing the earth at the flood, parting for the exodus at the Red Sea, flowing from the rock in the wilderness.

All: Blessed are you, our God, for your voice calls us into being and into being with you.

One: In Jesus you promised that all who thirst could come to the living water. He who was baptized in the water of repentance becomes for us the never-failing spring, welling up to eternal life.

All: O how we want this water of life! Be for us again, that never-failing spring O Christ.

An Invitation to remember our Baptism

At this time have your bowl with water and your candle ready

Aaronic Blessing by the Senior Choir (recorded)

(based on Numbers 6:23-27 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons, "This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 24 "The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." 27 "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Renewing our Baptismal Commitment Together

One: Brothers and sisters we gather as the Body of Christ, across time and space, to remember with thanksgiving the gift of grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Many: By your grace and mercy, O God, we reaffirm our faith in you as our Lord and Saviour. We renew our commitment to worship and live as your covenant people, sharing the faith while struggling for justice and supporting one another as we journey with your spirit in faith.

One: May the power of the Holy Spirit work within us, that having been born of water and the Spirit, we may continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Alcris Limongi

We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of Parkdale's ongoing ministry. Please continue. You are invited to take some time at home to write a cheque, or make a promise to go to the Parkdale Website:

parkdaleunitedchurch.ca. You will see on the home page a button/link that says "Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org". Click on that and make your offering.)

Offertory:

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Life and Work of Our Congregation

Rev. Alcris Limongi

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Alcris Limongi

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen*

AND WE GO OUT TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

*Hymn "I The Lord of Sea and Sky"

VU #509

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Rev. Alcris Limongi

Postlude The Spirit of the Lord

Dalesong (recorded)

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Continuing in Prayer and Support:

In these times, as in all times, we are trusting God to grant us wisdom, mercy and faith. As a community of faith and followers of Jesus we are reminded of the numerous times the Bible counsels us not to 'be afraid'. Normally, this exhortation is accompanied by God's promise to be with us. God being with us inspires and empowers us to be 'with' each other. We do this by praying for one another and reaching out by phone, facetime, Facebook, email, WhatsApp... you name it. Let's just stay connected. We send love and wish everyone comfort and good health, and look forward to hearing from you. May God bless us all.

PRAYER REQUESTS INBOX Please send your prayer requests to alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.

Christian Enrichment Upcoming Gatherings

1. Sunday school online every Sunday - today Jan.10th @ 9:00 AM (please note the change of time). This Sunday we are looking at the Baptism of our Lord. Parents are invited to print out the children's Worship Bulletin every Sunday as a conversation starter about the Bible story.

2. Senior Youth group online- Every other Sunday- Jan. @ 8:00 PM

We will be looking at tough questions. The question this week is: How do I stop doing things I know I shouldn't do?

3. Junior Youth group online- Every other Wednesday- Jan. 20th @ 7:30 PM

We will be looking at: Is the Bible True?

**4. IGNITE group every other Thursday - Jan. 21, @7:00 PM
(please note the change of day)**

Our new study **UNAFRAID** is an informed and inspiring study for anyone who is struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety or who wonders how we can live as peacemakers in troubled times. The session this time is about: Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness.

5. Leaders' Workshop is on Jan. 18th at 7:00 PM. We will be looking at ministry in pandemic times. All youth leaders and Sunday School teachers are invited to join.

IN FROM THE COLD

Yesterday, January 9th, we were fortunate & pleased to start up our In From The Cold take-out program because this ministry falls under "organizations that support the provision of food..... and other necessities of life to economically disadvantaged and other vulnerable individuals. We are constantly looking for ways in which we can improve on our service and we are pleased to add a new part to our IFTC program.

If you know someone who is shut-in who would welcome a meal AND you are able to pick-up the meal, please register your name by e-mail at iftc@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or if, for whatever reason, you are unable to use a computer then call the office (613-728-8656) and just leave a message. You can thereafter pick up your meal at the Gladstone door between 3:30 - 5:00 PM on Saturdays. This session ends March 27, 2021.

We ended the last season with 88 take-out meals being served on December 19th. We were privileged that our IFTC team, Chef Ian & some of our volunteers partnered with the Hintonburg Economic Development Committee and the Carleton Tavern to prepare, deliver & serve a Christmas Day meal. 132 meals were delivered to families and 199 people lined up in the rain greeted by Rev. Anthony. Remarkably, this is the 20th year that the group has put on this so needed Christmas Day event - previously served at the Carleton Tavern.

2021 ENVELOPES

Although we now have 2021 Offering envelopes we are not yet in a position to distribute them. If you have given regularly in 2020 or requested envelopes recently, there is likely an envelope number and a box of envelopes reserved for you. If not and you need a set, please contact the church office. Since it is not yet possible to attend live services, as we move into the New Year, feel free to continue to use your remaining 2020 envelopes for mail-in donations until you are able to attend and pick up your 2021 envelopes. Thank you for your ongoing support.

SMALL GROUPS ON ZOOM in 2021

(for any information email Rev. Alcris at alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)



- ✚ **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** starts again on Wednesday on January 13th at 10:00 am.
- ✚ **GRIEF WORKSHOP FOR PASTORAL CARE TEAM** with Compassionate Ottawa on Friday January 15th at 1:00 pm.
- ✚ **PRAYER GROUP** on Wednesday January 20th
- ✚ **Writers GROUP** will meet on Thursday January 28th at 5:00 pm.
- ✚ **CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS** will meet again on Friday January 29th at 7:00 pm.



OUR CAMINO 2021

Get ready for our traditional
Lenten Devotional series
beginning on Ash
Wednesday, February 17th

As always, we welcome both
new and seasoned
contributors, from all ages
and stages of life.

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