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Invite all to Worship God
Grow in faith
Follow Jesus by Serving Others

Sunday, January 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Centering Words: In the waters of baptism, we are claimed by God’s love. Let us step forward in faith, ready to live out the mission entrusted to us.

Disciples Gather to Worship God

🔊 Welcome (hopeaustin.org/connect)

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

🎵 Prelude

Trio Op. 49, No. 1
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

Josef Rheinberger

🙏 Call to Worship

Come, come into the presence of the Lord today!

We have been seen. We come, with all the joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and cares.

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

CHOIR (singing): Water, river, spirit, grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!

Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.

We have been seen. We are called to be people of hope.

You have been offered nourishment and cleansing by creation’s waters

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

ALL (singing): Water, river, spirit, grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!

Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.

Siblings in the family of Christ, let us worship God!

🙏 Hymn of Praise 485 (GTG)

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

🔊 Response: Praise the Lord! The Lord’s name be praised!

🙏 Prayer of Confession

Dianna Petrick, Stephen Leader

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ’s path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. In your mercy, forgive us.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

In your mercy, forgive us. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

↑ Indicates when we are to rise, as we are able.

🙏 Indicates when someone is praying.

📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.

🎵 Indicates when music is sung or heard.

🔊 Indicates when someone is speaking.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

A personal sound system for the hearing impaired is available.

Please ask an usher for a receiver.

GTG– *Glory to God* purple hymnal

STF– *Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

☪ Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news... **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

↑🎵 Response

Glory Be to the Father

Avery & Marsh

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

↑☪ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

☪ Response: Praise the Lord! **The Lord's name be praised!**

☪ Prayer for Illumination

📖 First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV)

Bible p. 585

↑🎵 Hymn 463 (GTG)

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Our God, who created us and formed us, speaks:

**(sung) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

"Don't fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. The rivers won't sweep over you.

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."**

"When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you.

**"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."**

You are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you.

**"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

Don't fear; I am with you.

☪ Children's Sermon

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through Elementary are invited to Little Church in the Fellowship Building. This worship for children concludes at 11:15 on non-communion Sundays. On Communion Sunday, children will return to their families during worship.

**The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
And the Word of God will help us grow, grow, grow,
The Word of God will help us grow.**

📖 Second Reading

Luke 3:15-22 (NRSV)

Bible p. 834

☪ Sermon

Claimed & Called: Claimed for a Purpose

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Worship+2: GROW

What does it mean to live as God's beloved in your daily routine? This week, engage in one act that reflects God's love—whether by listening, helping, or praying for someone.

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

✚ Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hear our prayers, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory, and taught us to pray together saying:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

♪ Response 288 (GTG)

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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Prayer @ Home

We continue in our prayers to remember first responders: police, firefighters, EMTs. Protect and bless our first responders, Lord, as they risk their lives to

♣ Call to Discipleship

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♪ Offertory Anthem

Come to the Water

Foley-Schrader

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light: Come to the Lord!*

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♣ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

✚ Prayer of Dedication

✠☪ Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, obeying His Word and showing His love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith. Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

Disciples Depart to Serve God

↑☪ Hymn 295 (GTG)

Go to the World (vss. 1,2,4)

SINE NOMINE

↑☪ Charge & Benediction

You have been claimed and called through Christ. God knows your name. You belong to God. Secure in this love, go forth to live without fear, trusting God's abundant care, resting in God's peace.

↑☪ Response 765 (GTG)

May the God of Hope Go with Us

CANTO DE ESPERANZA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace. Singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new. Faithful, when we hear Christ's call

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☪ Postlude

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