

**\* THE HYMN 507**

*I Come with Joy*

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Praise to the Lord*

arr. Whitehead



*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112.*

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**Counters: Hope Bothwell and Lysley Tyler**

**Infant/Toddler Nursery: Jeanne Ward**

**Two's Nursery: John Keller**

**Three's Nursery: Andrea and Dave Arnold**

**Preschool Program Volunteers: Kerri Markovic and Carol Senf**

**Children's Worship Volunteers: Lisa Jern and Melissa Lawson**

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**WORSHIP JANUARY 11, 2009**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joanna Adams

Leader: God, who created you, says, "Do not fear; for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

**People: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

Leader: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

**People: Let all the nations gather together, and let all the peoples assemble.**

Leader: May the Lord bless the people with peace.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 285**

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

*\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who formed the heavens and earth, and all that dwell in them—we gratefully acknowledge that by your Word you created us, and that by your Spirit, you continue to sustain us. Yet we have lived as though we were our own, and as though your world belonged to us. We have failed to be good stewards of your creation, and have acted as though we belonged to ourselves. Forgive our resistance to your life-giving Spirit. Fill our hearts with gratitude and humility. Empower us to embrace and display your holy claims on our lives, to the honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 280)

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

## \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after **The Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three-year olds are in Room 204; Pre-K in G-11; K - 2nd grade in G-1; 3rd - 5th grades in G-3.)*

## THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE FIRST LESSON** Genesis 1:1-5, 24-27 (page 1 in the Pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM** *Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty* Gaelic

Spirit seeking light and beauty, heart that longest for thy rest, soul that asketh understanding, only thus can ye be blest. Through the vastness of creation, though your restless thought may roam, God is all that you can long for, God is all His creatures' home. Taste and see Him, feel and hear Him, hope and grasp His unseen hand; though the darkness seems to hide Him, faith and love can understand. God who lovest all Thy creatures, all our hearts are known to Thee; lead us through the land of shadows to Thy blest eternity.

**THE SECOND LESSON** Mark 1:9-11 (page 33 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** "On Being Human" Christopher Henry

*"And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him." Mark 1:10*

**\* THE HYMN 492** *Baptized in Water*

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (see insert) (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

**THE OFFERTORY** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Innes

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,** (Hymn 581)  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after the Meal