

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 11, 2015

Welcome to this sacred place where Christ calls you into his presence.

*Whether you speak, or enter the divine silence,
know that you are in a holy place.*

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you split rocks in the wilderness, and gave your people abundant drink,
as from the deep.

Come to us, Lord.

Give us that abundant water.

You made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Come to us, Lord.

Send the waters down upon us.

You turned the desert into pools of water, the parched land into springs of water.

Come to us, Lord.

Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.

OPENING PRAYER

God, you have given us the wondrous gift of baptism, bonding us to one another, building up your church, endowing and enabl[ing] your faithful people. We ask this day that you continue to provide the active presence of your Spirit, healing and refreshing, correcting, guiding, loving and comforting. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who showed us the way of baptism. Amen.

+HYMN

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

PRELUDE

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CENTERING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Kelly

Mary Martin

Hymn 364 **Come, Holy Spirit, great gift of God, and claim us as your own our minds, our hearts, and our lives to you. Wash what is soiled and what is wounded, and free what is imprisoned so that a spaciousness be readied for your indwelling. Inspire us with spiritual gifts for our worship and our living may give glory to you, our creator, and in whose name we gather to renew our baptism. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gently – like rain on a warm Spring day – our words fell onto Christ, splashing, rolling, embedding in the burrows of his being.

There in the midst where the winds of heaven converge with earth, we become new again, washed once more in blessing :

Listen. Hear God's word:

“You are my child, my beloved: with you I am well pleased.”

+THE PEACE

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold: all people respond Offer the sign of Christ to one another in word, handshake, hug, c

Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 5:1-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:4-11

SERMON "HEARING VOICES"

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that in the washing with water
and in the eating of bread and drinking of wine
the Holy Spirit demonstrates and confirms the promises
of the embodied, written, and preached Word
with vividness and power.
In these concrete human actions
believers declare their acceptance of the promises.**

**We believe that in Baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us and our children in his gracious covenant,
cleansing us from sin,
and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.
In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance
to be the Lord's.
For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder
that God loves us long before we can love him.**

**For both, God's grace and our response to it
are not tied to the moment of Baptism,
but continue and deepen throughout life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Pastor Kelly

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loon

+DOXOLOGY

To God Be the Glory
(first verse)

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Hymn 72

A Declaration of Faith **Bearing and Following THE WORD into th**

+HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

+BENEDICTION

Spirit of God, walk with us these days
and grant that we may drink of the "living water."

Talk with us and grant that we may hear your tend

Stay with us and grant that we may feel your gentle presence
in all we do and say and think.

**And when night falls, let us sleep in peace
knowing that we have done our best.**

+SENDING SONG

"Amen"

+POSTLUDE

Dr. Kit Loon