

# Baptism of the Lord

## *Gathering*

Welcome and announcements                      Laurel Neufeld Weaver

Prelude    *Prelude in a minor* (J.S Bach)  
Ken Graber

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn                                      VT 47 *God of Our Strength*

\*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 29

One:     Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**Many: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

One:     Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

**Many: worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One:     The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**Many: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

One:     May the Lord give strength to his people!

**Many: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

## *Telling God's Story*

Special Music

Conversation with Children                      Chris Gott

Hymn VT 515 *O Little Children, Gather* (sing v. 1 as children  
come forward and v. 2 as they return to their seats)

Community Prayer                                      Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Scripture    Isaiah 43:1-7 & Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Everett Collier

Message     *Belonging to God and One Another*     Lynda Nyce

## *Living God's Story*

\*Hymn of Response                                      VT 452 *With Water Freely Flowing*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory    *Prelude* (C. Debussy)

Dedication Prayer

## *Sending*

\*Hymn of Sending                                      VT 444 *I Sing with Exultation*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)*  
*HWB - Hymnal: A Worship Book (Blue Bound Book)*  
*STJ - Sing the Journey (Green Spiral Book)*  
*STS - Sing the Story (Purple Spiral Book)*

*In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation*

