

January 16th, 2022

Worship you tube link: <https://youtu.be/2VplicEgNBY>

PRELUDE: *As with gladness men of old*

(Wm Chatterdon Dix)

Players: Michael, Claire, Brock Lemiski

CHILDREN'S HYMN, STORY & SCRIPTURE: (Luke 2:41-52)

#344 *The wise may bring their learning*

(music G.F. Root)

♪ *The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,
and some may bring their greatness,
and some bring strength and health;
We, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;
We have no wealth or learning: what shall we children bring?*

*We'll bring him hearts that love him; we'll bring him thankful praise,
and young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways:
and these shall be the treasures we offer to the King,
and these are gifts that even a little child may bring.*

*We'll bring the little duties we have to do each day;
we'll try our best to please him, at him, at school, at play:
and better are these treasures to offer to our King
than richest gifts without them; yet these a child may bring.*

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

PRAYER: #184 *"What king would wade through murky streams?"*

(T.H. Troeger)

♪ *What king would wade through murky streams
and bow beneath the wave, ignoring how the world
esteems the powerful and brave?
Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me! Re-carve the
depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.*

O God, as we remember Jesus' childhood and baptism, we remember how

♪ *Christ gleams with water brown with clay from land the prophets trod.
Above while heaven's clouds give way descends the dove of God
Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me! Re-carve the
depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.*

We do pray that you would deeply recurve us O God, as we too, are aware....

♪ ***Come bow beneath the flowing wave.
Christ stands here at your side
and raises you as from the grave God raised the crucified. Water, River,
Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me! Re-carve the depths your
fingers traced in sculpting me.***

Hear us as we offer our prayers to you today for teachers and school staff....

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

SERMON: *Preparing – to do a good job!*

Mark 1:9-15

♪ ***Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.
She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.***

CLOSING HYMN: #182 *What was your vow and vision?*

(Brian Wren)

♪ ***What was your vow and vision, revealed and recognized,
Christ, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized?
Was there a sudden splendour of prophets, priests and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?***

***Was this God's call, the crowning of all you had become:
"Go, show and tell my coming, my own, my chosen one"?
Did scripture join with scripture, revealing in surprise
the triumph of a servant rejected and despised?***

***We meet you at the water and ponder why and how,
in hope that we may follow where God is going now,
anointed by your Spirit, reborn, and energized,
through deed and word proclaiming: "In Christ we are baptized!"***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: #376 *Shine, Jesus, Shine!*

(Graham Kendrick)

BLESSING: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)