

Order of Service

January 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" arr. Gordon Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

Listen to the sounds of life!

Like a splash of a baby's bath, the crash of waves on the seashore, the gentle sounds of falling rain, or a tear in the eye of any person.

Listen to the water of history, reminding us of our story as a people of God!

Through these waters, God claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and destruction.

Listen to the water of renewal, reminding us of Jesus!

Through these waters the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine Love. Let us remember, celebrate, and sing about God's blessings.

Listen to the water of hope!

Hymn (opposite) "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:4-11 (pew bible pg. 1551-52)

Sermon

Prayer of Transformation and the Prayer of Our Savior

Transforming God, we confess that we are fearful when we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. Help us follow Jesus, and hear us as we pray: 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.

Anthem "Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah" arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Offering and Morning Prayers

Communion and Remembering the Baptism of Jesus

Blessing and Distribution of Bread and Juice

Hymn No. 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Blessing

Postlude

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Today's Greeters: Barbara Janczunski, Margie McKenney

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Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins; Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson

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on life's journey...

**YOU are
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