

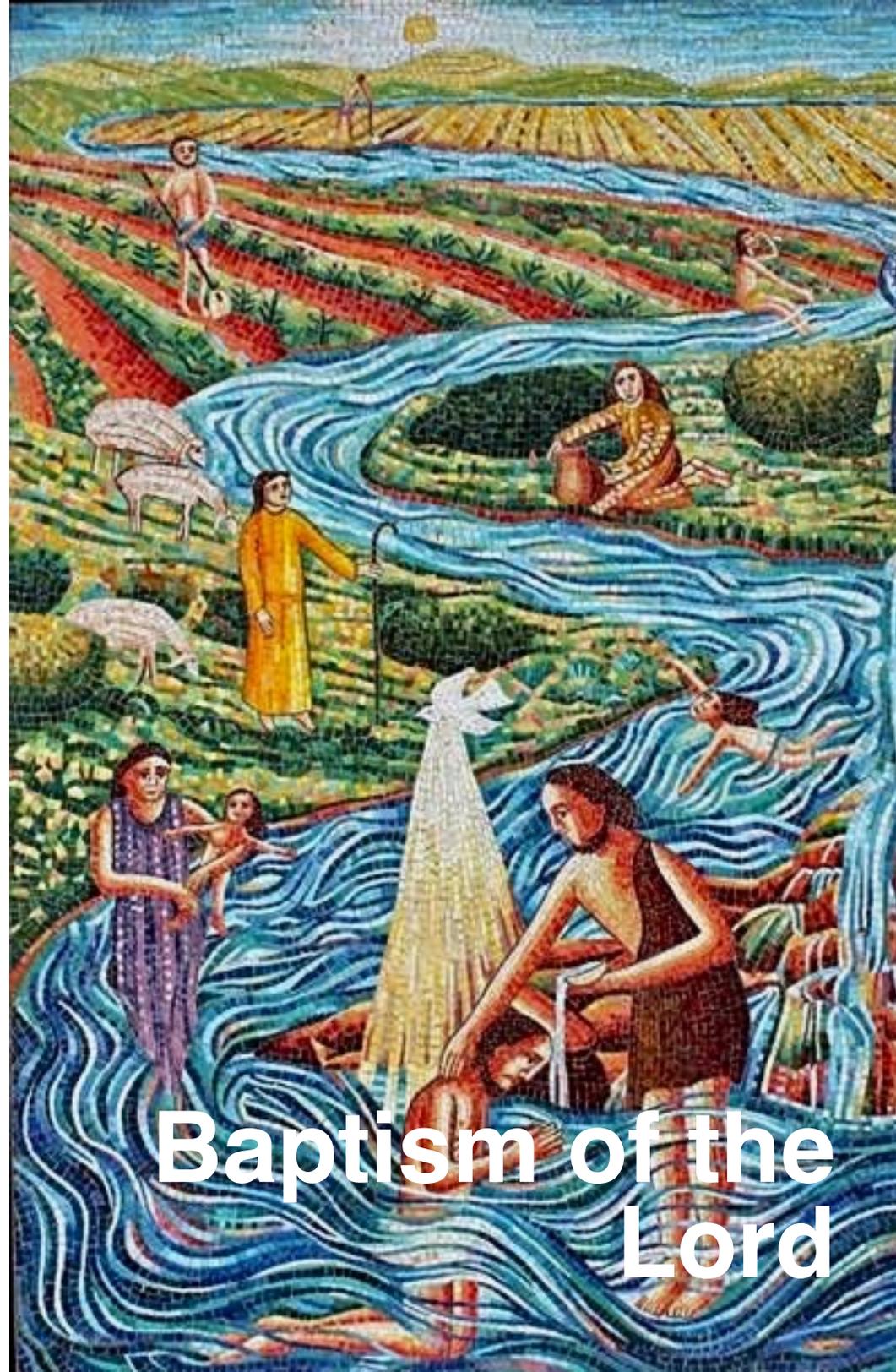
We are an imperfect community striving to live into the beautiful story of God in our wonderful yet broken city. As an historic church with a vibrant future ahead we invite you to join us as we seek God's glory and neighbor's good together!

WORSHIP NOTES:

- Welcome! If you would like to find out more about our community or speak with one of the pastors, please email Pastor Aaron at aaron@rescov.org.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants on the main floor and childcare for toddlers in the basement for the duration of worship.
 - Pre-K Activities: Following the Passing of the Peace, Pre-school through Kindergarten aged children are invited to line up in the Narthex for class lasting until communion.
- "Sing Glory to the Name of God" is a paraphrase of Psalm 29 by Presbyterian pastor and liturgist David Gambrell. As the notes in the PCUSA hymnal *Glory to God* notes, "This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce."
- "Wade in the Water" is an African-American spiritual that shows the importance of baptism to the African-American experience. It has also been conjectured that it was instructions for runaway slaves to submerge themselves in water upon escape to wash their scent away and avoid the dogs tracking them.
- "Baptized by Water" is a hymn text by Micael Seward that explores the many baptismal themes of scripture: the sealing of the Holy Spirit, cleansing, being reborn as children of God, and dying and rising with Christ.
- The bulletin artwork is a mosaic in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (Glendale, CA) based on "The River," a painting by John August Swanson.

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6th after the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany (meaning "appearance" or "manifestation") celebrates the coming of the Magi to worship Jesus, the Light of the world, after his birth. In doing so, the Magi became the first Gentiles to identify Jesus as King. It serves as a marker for the inclusivity of the Gospel for all people. The stars that hang from the front of the sanctuary reminds us of the that star that first called the Magi to Jesus and calls us to worship the Light of the world that has come into our midst and called all people to worship that Light.

Aaron Johnson, Dave Bjorlin, Jen Gillan, and
Kyle Mecher serve as our pastors.



Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING

Call to Worship*

Ascribe glory to the LORD's name,
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD over mighty waters.
 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majesty.

Song*

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Song*

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God,
who has promised to walk with us always,
we confess we are faithless to you and your world.
Your love for us is constant and selfless;
our love for others is sporadic and selfish.
Your word is always good and true;
our words are often cruel and false.
Your mercy is vast and free;
our mercy is small and limited.
Forgive us, O God,
and wash our sins away
that we may rise to new life in Christ
and live in the light of your grace.

~silent confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Epistle Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

Songs*

Take Me to the Water/What the Lord Has Done in Me

Gospel Lesson*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Jen

RESPONSE

Hymn*

Wade in the Water (see insert)

Life Together &
 Prayers of the People
 Lord's prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

SENDING

Hymn*

Baptized in Water (#547)

Charge & Benediction

*Stand, as you are able