#### **OFFERING**

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

## **DOXOLOGY**

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

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### RITE OF FAREWELL

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to serve God's mission elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

#### **SENDING**

SONG\* - I Then Shall Live (#625)

#### CHARGE & BENEDICTION\*

\*Stand, as you are able

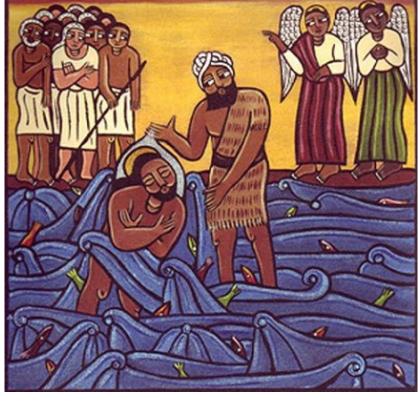
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### **GATHERING**

CALL TO WORSHIP\* (adapted from Rev. Nathan Decker)

In the beginning when God created,

- a wind swept over the waters,
- a breath warmed the dark voids,
- a Spirit called forth creation.

God gave us life in grace.

Let there be light for all to see. Let there be water for all to splash in. Let there be life in the midst of death,

And God invited us to the waters and invites us to respond rejoicing!

It was good;

It is good.

Amen.

#### SONG\* - Wade in the Water

Refrain:

Wade in the water. wade in the water, children. Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.

God's gonna trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite.

1. See that host all dressed in white.

God's gonna trouble the water.

SONG\* - Come to the Water

- 1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price, why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
- 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water. let them come to the Lord: except for the Lord?

2. See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led. God's gonna trouble the water.

3. If you don't believe I've been redeemed. God's gonna trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's gonna trouble the water.

- 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor without rest, how can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
- 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

And let all who have nothing, without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, through baptism you called us to new life in the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separating ourselves from the family of faith. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,

have mercy on us and wash our sins away. Remind us of our belovedness, that we might love everyone as you have loved us, in Jesus' name.

and show reluctance to welcome one another.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel;

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

In your loving-kindness

PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG\* - Your Love Is Washing over Me

Your love is washing over me, your love is washing over me, your love is washing over me, and I won't be frightened anymore.

- 2. Your grace is washing over me...
- 3. Your mercy is washing over me...
- 4. Your joy is washing over me...
- 5. Your hope is washing over me...

# **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** 

Isaiah 42:1-9

**GOSPEL LESSON\*** 

Matthew 3:13-17

**SERMON** 

Beloved, Be Loved

Pastor Aaron

# **RESPONSE**

HYMN\* - Baptized in Water (#547)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER