

# Order of worship

January 10, 2021

1st Sunday of Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

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**Prelude** We Three Kings of Orient Are, arr. by Dan Coates

## Welcome & Announcements

### Call to worship

We meet to worship God  
and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

**Like a bright star in the night sky,  
the life of Christ lights up the whole world.**

The star of hope shines on,  
and no darkness can overcome it.

**The light of Christ shows us  
who we are and what we can be,  
where we have been and where we should go.**

Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.

**Opening Hymn #63** As With Gladness Men of Old

### Prayer of Confession

A voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased."

**God of love, God who IS love: We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess, too, that our lover is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life might harm others and hurt your world. We willingly offer our generosity to the needy but hesitate to question the systemic things that make such generosity necessary. We are sorry. We want to change. Create in us a clean heart. Strengthen our resolve, both in faith and in compassion. Reconcile us to one another. Bless us with your peace, and nudge that peace outward, for grace, mercy, and healing.**

### Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious and merciful, to forgive us and once again to set us on the path of graciousness and mercy.

**We will recognize that we are forgiven, and be at peace to love the Lord and serve our world.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### Response of Praise (from *Joy to the World!*)

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make his blessings known far as the curse is found...**

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Mark 1:4-11

**Message**

LETTING GO OF THE OUTCOME

**Hymn #62**

Bring we the Frankincense of Our Love

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

**Celebration of Generosity to and Through the Congregation**

**Generous Lord, let our generosity this morning be yet one more tangible sign of your love for this world. Amen.**

**Special Music**

*Hyfrydol / If I Needed You / Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Original Song: Townes VanZandt

First Arrangement (for breast cancer awareness concert); Diana Boschler, Bellingham, WA

Second Arrangement: Val Fowler

**Chorus:**

If I needed you, would you come to me?  
Would you come to me for to ease my pain?  
If you needed me, I would come to you.  
I’d swim the sea for to ease your pain.

**Final Verse:**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of earth to heaven come down.  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every loving heart.

**Closing Hymn #422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

**Benediction**

**Postlude** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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# Announcements

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**First Presbyterian Church in Victor**  
70 East Main Street  
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Rev. Dr. Val Fowler, Guest Minister  
Ayn Patrowicz, Organist

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## Welcome Rev. Val Fowler

Val Fowler is an Honorably Retired minister of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. He came in 1990 and served Chili Presbyterian Church and Honeoye Falls Presbyterian Church (from which he retired in September 2015). This year he celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. He served for 20 years as the presbytery's stated clerk. He is married to Carol, who has served and will now serve as a Ruling Elder for this congregation. He enjoys music (guitar & vocal) and has provided numerous benefit concerts for churches and helping ministries. He is the current president of the Golden Link Folk Singing Society and Artistic Director for the annual Turtle Hill Folk Festival. He enjoys golf, having played many rounds with Pastor Colin (a truly humbling experience, but always totally fun). His current church home is Penfield Presbyterian Church, and was proud to call Sue Thaine "my pastor," and is proud to say the same of Twyla Boyer.

## AV System Help

We need your help! Would you like to volunteer to learn how to use the camera and the AV system to stream the service? Bill Martz will be doing some training soon for anyone that is interested. There may also be opportunities to provide pre-recorded music and other content for the service. Anyone interested can contact Bill for further details, [williamlmartz1@gmail.com](mailto:williamlmartz1@gmail.com) or 585-953-6854.

## Bible Study

Clay Girouard's Zoom Bible study based on the book of Hebrews (exploring how God provided something better for us in the person of Jesus Christ) will be starting on **Thursday, January 14th at 6:30pm**. The study will be centered around the book "Better" by Jen Wilkin. There is still room for 4-5 more people. Anyone interested or if you need more info, please call or text Clay at 585-727-6848 or email [clay@rochester.rr.com](mailto:clay@rochester.rr.com). Members would also need to purchase the book (it is \$14 on Amazon)

## Church Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are in and are on the Welcome Center counter at the back entrance of the church. If you requested envelopes or usually receive a box, please come in during office hours or before Sunday worship to pick up, or contact Courtney in the office to make other arrangements. If you are unsure if there is a box for you, email the office to verify.

