

Worship for 10 January 2021  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**ALL: The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;**

One: God said: Let there be light,

**ALL: And God saw that it was good.**

One: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

**ALL: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove.**

One: God said: This is my beloved Son,

**ALL: The One in whom I am well pleased.**

Hymn of Invitation – “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

*O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.*

*On you, at earth’s creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.*

Prayer of Confession

***God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down and save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

Scripture – Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11 (see reverse)

Reflection – “A New Day”

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

***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.***

Hymn of Thanksgiving – “In Christ Called to Baptize”

*In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

Announcements & Blessing

-Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 24, 2021, following worship

### **Genesis 1:1-5**

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

### **Mark 1:4-11**

*John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

***What does it mean to you, personally, to have been baptized in Christ? How does this knowledge help you approach each new day?***