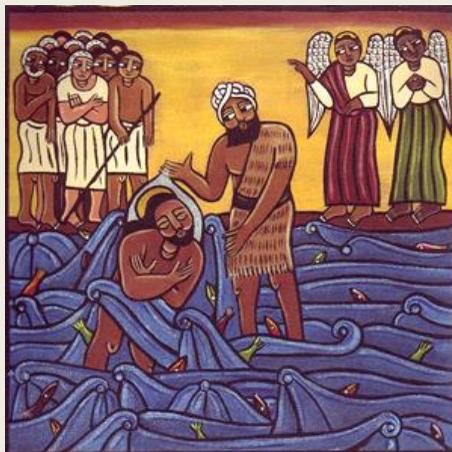


Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.
We're glad you're here!

January 10, 2021



*The world tells you many lies about who you are,
and you simply have to be realistic enough to remind yourself of this.
Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself:
“These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself.
The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God,
precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting belief.”*

*~Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved**



ROLAND PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

January 10, 2021 10:30 AM

CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In Dich Hab' Ich Gehofft, Herr. BWV 640
(In Thee, Lord, Have I Put my Trust)
Esther Lee, organ

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.
You can always visit us at our website for the latest happenings and information.*

<https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/>

*If this is your first time with us, you can email Pastor Mark to introduce yourself and
learn more about the congregation: pastor@rolandparkchurch.org*

Today's Call to Worship written by Joanna Harader and
posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>.

Today's Prayer of Confession written by Rev. Nancy J, on her blog,
wonderings through life and other such nonsense.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

**We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:
within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

We need not listen for distant thunder to find God,
we need only to listen to the music of life,

the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

Let us worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

*HYMN #3

(Scroll down for lyrics and music...)

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

Womb of Life and Source of Being 3

Capo 1: (G) (Am) (C) (G) (Em)
 A^b B^bm D^b A^b Fm



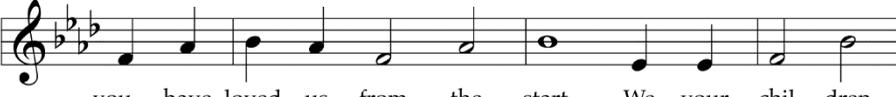
1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,

(C) (Dsus)(D) (G) (G7) (C)
 D^b E^bsus E^b A^b A^b7 D^b



rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,
 be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,

(Am) (Dsus)(D) (Am)
 B^bm E^bsus E^b B^bm



you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,
 know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our
 whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;
 one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your

(C) (G) (Am) (G) (D) (Em)
 D^b A^b B^bm A^b E^b Fm



gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
 hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en
 aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
 life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er

(Bm) (D) (G) (G7) (C) (D7) (G)
 Cm E^b A^b A^b7 D^b E^b7 A^b



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Time for Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

This is My Beloved Son
Chancel Soloists

Daniel Uhl

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

GOD'S STORY

Luke 3:1-22

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

*‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

*Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,*

*and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Radical Trust

***HYMN #164**

Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways

WEST MAIN

(Scroll down for lyrics and music...)

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus)(D)
 C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)
 C9 F/C B^b Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)
 Dm Am B^bmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)
 B^b F/A Gm7 B^b/C Csus C7 F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers, after which the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," or "Lord, we give thanks," and the entire congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

THE 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.

OFFERING

Everyone has something to offer. Just your joining with us today is an offering of yourself to our communal worship. If this is your first time with us, we want to hear from you. Please let us know your name and how best to contact you after today's service. You can do this in the Zoom chat room, by commenting on the Facebook Live Stream or by emailing Pastor Mark directly: pastor@rolandparkchurch.org. Pastor Mark or one of our leaders would love to be in touch with you in the coming days. Anyone is able to offer **prayers**. You can offer prayer requests in the chat room or on the Facebook Live Stream. Additionally, we invite you to visit the prayer request page on our website any day of the week: <https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/care/prayer-concern-request/>. Finally, you can offer your **monetary gifts** to support the mission and ministry of our congregation. To give online, you can visit the [giving page on our website](#) to make a one time or recurring gift. If you prefer to give by check you can send it in to 4801 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210. We thank you for joining us today and offering your voice, prayers and presence to our gathering.

Offertory

Grant Us Thy Peace
Chancel Soloists
Paul Balsley, soloist

Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology (Hymn #606)

OLD HUNDREDT

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN

God of Love, We've Known Division

BEACH SPRING

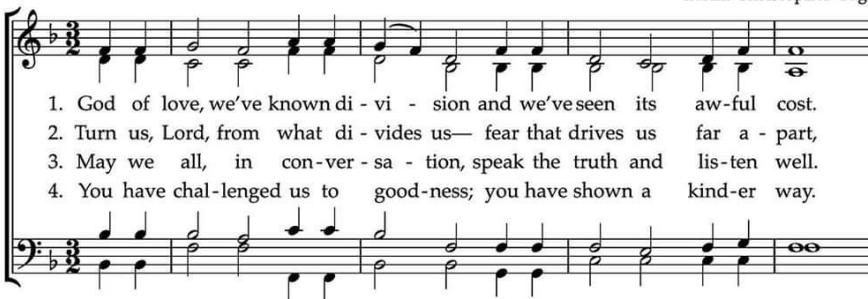
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God of Love, We've Known Division

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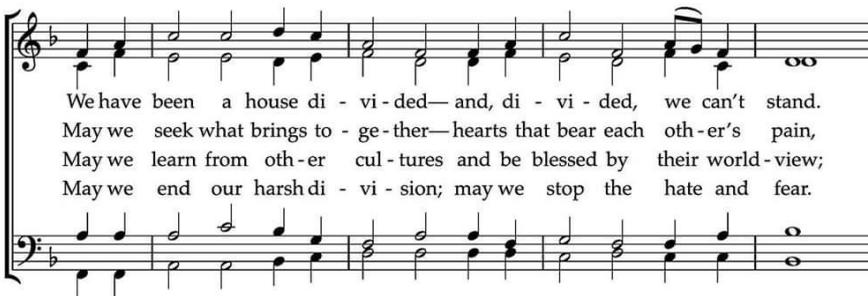
harm. Christopher Gage



1. God of love, we've known di - vi - sion and we've seen its aw-ful cost.
2. Turn us, Lord, from what di - vides us— fear that drives us far a - part,
3. May we all, in con-ver - sa - tion, speak the truth and lis-ten well.
4. You have chal-lenged us to good-ness; you have shown a kind-er way.



We have strug-gled as a na - tion, and there's much that we have lost.
greed that leads to great in - jus - tice, ra - cist ways that break your heart.
May we hear, a - cross this na - tion, sto - ries oth - ers have to tell.
It's your love that now in - spires us as we seek a bet - ter day.



We have been a house di - vi - ded— and, di - vi - ded, we can't stand.
May we seek what brings to - ge - ther— hearts that bear each oth - er's pain,
May we learn from oth - er cul - tures and be blessed by their world - view;
May we end our harsh di - vi - sion; may we stop the hate and fear.



May our na - tion be u - ni - ted; give us peace through - out this land.
care and mer - cy toward our neigh - bors, love that wel - comes stran - gers in.
May we serve with one a - noth - er— lov - ing oth - ers, lov - ing you.
Make us one, Lord, as a na - tion; may we be u - ni - ted here.

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***CHARGE**

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY

*We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: **Austin and Darlene George, Joan Buttner, Kent Moore, Claudia Neely Tiebout, Sharon Halm, Sandy Budd** (daughter-in-law of Margaret Budd), **Jim McBride** (father of Tonya Robles), **Mark Moran** (friend of Mike Robles), **Billie Jasinski** (friend of Sharon Halm), the community of Roland Park and **David & Danny Guillaume** along with the staff and children of Kay Papa Nou & Unity House.*

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

January 17, 2021
10:30 AM Worship

Scripture: Luke 4: 14-30
Message: Sermon at Nazareth

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