

Sunday January 10th 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God's strong voice calls us to worship,

All: calling us to sing and offer praise.

One: God's creative voice calls us to worship,

All: calling us to life and light.

One: God's loving voice calls us to worship,

All: calling us to love and be loved.

One: Listen, for God's voice calls to us now.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 217** "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Word of God, speak, for your servants are listening. Spirit of creation and renewal, hover over us wherever we are today, as you hovered over creation on that first day.

Enter into our hearts and lives. Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus' day of baptism, that we may hear again your words of love and adoption.

Speak from the heavens into our minds, so that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. We ask it in the name of the Creator, amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 4-11

Hymn **VU# 20** "On Jordan's Bank"

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

When our hearts are as hard as stone, soften us with your grace. When our lives are riddled with sin and pain, heal us with your mercy. When our ears are ringing with self-doubt and cynicism, strengthen us with words of faith and love.

When our minds are muddled with confusion and fear, enlighten us with the radiance of your wisdom.

Speak to our spirits from the truth of your being, the reality of your love, and the promise of your forgiveness, that we may hear your voice clearly and follow where you call us to go. Amen.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the truth of God's love: you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem: Tygerberg Children's Choir – *"I'll Be Reborn, You'll Be Reborn"*

Sermon: New Beginnings

Hymn **VU# 382** "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

The Offering

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.

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 288** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude: Destiny Africa Choir – The Blessing