



**First Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 2022
“Beloved”**

Welcome

Centering for Worship

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Psalm 29:1-5, 11

Gathering Prayer

God of grace and glory, You call us with Your voice to be Your people, faithful and courageous.

ALL: As Jesus Christ embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the energy of Your Spirit to join in his transforming work. Amen.

Song *Crashing Waters at Creation* 326

Joys and Concerns: Our Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Generous Gifts

Reminder of Generous Giving Opportunities

Doxology

Prayer Dedication Lambeth Prayers

ALL: Living Christ, You have known insecurity and poverty: free us from the need to seek the security of easy wealth. Give us generous hearts, that we may know the richness of Your grace. Amen.

Prayer for Scripture

Luke 3:15-22

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." 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."

Reading

Hans von Balthasar

Meditation

Song *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* **459**

Affirming Our Mission

ALL: We the members and friends of Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ seek to embody and celebrate God's love by being a community that lives Christ's compassion and promotes justice, healing and wholeness of life; a joyous family where all are welcome to join together to grow in faith and love.

Blessing

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

Postlude

Chimes