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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

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

Many: **The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.**

All: **Then God said: Let there be light and God saw that it was good.**

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

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

All: **Then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

*Hymn (#484)

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession

*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 to save us;

loosen the ties that bind us to sin

and set us free to love and serve you;

in Jesus' name.

*Silence for Personal Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

In the Beginning . . .

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**

484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
 2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
 3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
 of the love of God, is the sign of "death" and
 He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
 ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
 knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

By connecting the water in the font with the waters of creation, the parted waters through which the Israelites were set free, and the rivers that sustain life everywhere, this hymn reminds us that baptism incorporates us into God's creative, redemptive, and sustaining activity.

BAPTISM

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "BAPTISM". It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font." The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in the same key and time, featuring a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The music concludes with a double bar line.