



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Worship Leader: Jennifer Franczek

Presider: Myrna Adams-Falujo

Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude (Flute & Piano): Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Welcome, Announcements &

Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Myrna Adams-Falujo

Call to Worship

Myrna Adams-Falujo

One: The waters of God's love flow freely

All: for the weary, the joyful, the questioning, the hopeful.

One: In these waters, we are named and claimed,

All: called beloved, just as we are.

One: Come, all who long for renewal and rest.

All: We come to worship, carried by God's grace.

One: Let us worship together.

All: Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Myrna Adams-Falujo

As we light the Christ candle today,

we remember that from the very beginning,

the Spirit of God moved over the waters, bringing life out of chaos.

Water is where creation began, where Jesus was baptized,
where new life is promised again and again.

In water we are named and claimed, washed in love,
and called beloved children of God.

As this candle is lit, may Christ's light shine upon the waters
of our lives—the calm and the troubled, the shallow and the deep.

May we remember our baptism, be renewed in God's grace,
and flow into the world as people of hope, justice, and love.

(Light the Christ Candle)

Opening Prayer

Jennifer Franczek

The Lord's Prayer:

Voices United #960

Praise and Worship 1: Called by Earth and Sky More Voices #135
Pat Mayberry

Children's Moment

Song: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (2X) MV #115

Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 NIV

Ross Redford

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: In the Water Together

Jennifer Franczek

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Flute & piano Offertory: I Surrender All

Cindy Berry

*In the setting of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Sonata No.8,
"Pathetique," Adagio Cantabile*

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Praise and Worship 2: Like a Healing Stream

Bruce Harding
MV#144

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: I The Lord of Sea and Sky

Daniel L. Shutte