



## 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 Salfarie

## 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