November 8, 2026 **Order of Worship** 10:00 am

An asterisk (*) indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in **BOLD** *are responses spoken by the congregation.*

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Ellis Miller

Prelude *God of Wonders* Laura Murach
Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

Call to Worship Deacon Gail Pillow

Deacon: We have come to the waters and discovered the depth of God's love.
All: We are known, we are beloved, and we belong.

We have made promises to one another and found life in this community.
We are many members, joined together in one body,
sharing our gifts and our faith.

We have been nourished by living water,
and now that water flows through us.
Our faith is alive when we put God's love into action.

Come, people of God.
Let us celebrate the life we share and the work we are called to do.
May our faith be living, our love be generous,
and the waters keep flowing!

***Hymn** *We, Your People, God, Confessing* BLUE Chalice 356

***Morning Prayer**

God of the waters, we give you thanks for calling us beloved before we ever knew what that meant. We give thanks for Jesus who carried your love into the world. We give thanks for this community that helps us discover our own calling and gives us places to live it out. For all that we have received and all that we have yet to become, we give you thanks. Amen!

Passing the Peace

Leader: Let us feel God's presence in our midst as we say to one another, "Peace be with you."
People: "And also with you."

You are invited to share words of welcome and peace with those around you.

Reception of New Members

New Members	Sponsors
Ellis Miller	Chad Henze
Linda Pearrell	Susan LeClerc
Mike Pearrell	Tom LeClerc
Pete Stenberg Edgerton	Bordonaro Family
Janet Whitehead	Lisa Reinhardt

Words of Commitment

Leader: Do you seek to live with an open heart, to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others and to seek justice in our world?

New Members: We do!

Leader: Are you ready to commit yourselves to this congregation, to its ministry, its fellowship, and its mission?

New Members: We are ready!

Leader: Will you join those who have come before you and those who will come after you in the journey of faith, sharing our path and passions?

New Members: With the grace of God, we will!

Leader: Members and Friends of Granby Congregational Church, will you receive these persons into your hearts and lives? Will you be their partners in the Gospel? Will you shoulder their burdens and will you walk with them into God's future?

Congregation: With God as our witness, we will. Thanks be to God for the covenant that binds us together in the Body of Christ!

Message for All Ages Sarah Pradhan

At this time, Deacons collect Joy and Concern cards.

Children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to Sunday School class at this time.

Prayer of Illumination Deacon Bob Giles

This prayer prepares us to hear the Sacred story, listening with our collective wisdom, experience, and faith so that we might near the meaning it has for our lives today.

Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth and wake up our hearts
by the Word we now declare and ponder.
In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope,
and fresh courage for witness in your world.

Scripture *Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon "A River of Promise" Pastor Ellis Miller

Special Music *Bridge Over Troubled Water*

Jill Ford, Stanley Hayes, Laura Murach, Dan Reisel, Lauren Stuck
accompanied by Rick Handville

Prayers of the People for the World

A time to pray our joys & concerns for each other, our neighbors, and the world.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *Pray using the words most familiar to you*

***O Holy One, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. *(Creator/Our Father)**

Stewardship Testimony Gail & Jim Pillow

Prayer of Commitment

God of baptism and calling, we have heard stories of what this church means and what it makes possible. Now call us out of the water and into the world. May our gifts sustain this community for today, for tomorrow, and for generations yet to come. Together, may we keep the water flowing. Amen.

***Hymn** *How Can We Keep from Giving?*

Our life is lived in gratitude,
Each day in God's creation,
And in this church, we place great hope
Upon our new foundation.
With open doors and tender hearts,
Together faithful living.
A future strong for Granby Church,
How can we keep from giving?

We serve our neighbors near and far,
Christ's love the map to guide us.
We feed and clothe, we laugh and cry,
The work ahead excites us.
Our mission strong, a call so bold!
Each person here is needed.
A future strong for Granby Church,
How can we keep from giving?

***Benediction** Pastor Ellis Miller

Pastor: What will we do with the love we have received?
All: We will carry it into the world.

What will we do with the gifts we have been given?
We will share them generously.

What will we do with the promises we have made?
We will live them faithfully.

How will the waters keep flowing?
Through all of us, together.

Let us go forth as God's beloved people.
And let us keep the water flowing.

Postlude *Celebration for Trumpet* Laura Murach
Robert W. Thygerson

Let us follow the light of Christ into the world,
carrying God's love wherever the Spirit sends us.