BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 2026
10:00 AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH — Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - HOPE SEEDS — Jay Swick

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* — Kline/arr. Phillips

Psalm 29

CALL TO WORSHIP — Mariah Martin

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***HYMN 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* — CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,
when Jesus came to John,
not to be exalted but to be baptized,
we see a way of leadership that unsettles us.
We confess that we often measure leadership
by visibility and power,
rather than by faithfulness and love.
Teach us the leadership of your beloved Son,
who stood in line with sinners,
who fulfilled all righteousness through humility,
and who trusted that affirmation comes from you alone.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY** Gloria in Excelsis Deo TAIZÉ

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Eric Robinson

RECOGNITION OF 20 YEARS SERVICE - LISA GARCIA

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic melody/arr. John Levitt
(The Chancel Choir)

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Well Pleased* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mariah Martin

**Our Father, 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:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Phillips
(with Isaac Mingus, cello and Mark DeRose, percussion)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (PRAISE GOD) Hopson

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Mariah Martin

**We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in life,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 69** (vv. 1 & 3) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *"Your Grace is Enough"* Steven, Isaac, Mark

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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