

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC *Praeludium & Fuga* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 10, v. 4)
May God forever be our peace. May hymns of glory never cease. Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come. Sing praise to God, the Three-in-One. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* GREETING AND RESPONSES (from Ephesians 4:4-6) Bette Case
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.
There is one Body and one Spirit; there is one hope to which we are called.
There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
There is one God, the Creator and Source of all this is.
There is one God who is above all, and through all, and in all.

* HYMN 484 “Out of Deep, Unordered Water” RUSTINGTON

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
God of grace and loving kindness: you show no partiality and accept all who turn to you with humble hearts. But we do not. Forgive our partiality and arrogance. Help us to glorify you and not ourselves. Help us to see as you see and to open our arms with such limitless grace and kindness. May our lives and actions be found acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 286, vv. 1 and 3)
Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew.
That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, breath of God, ‘till I am wholly thine.
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.670)

ANTHEM *A Gaelic Blessing* John M. Rutter
Lucie Freeman, guitar
Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.3)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 490, v. 3)
O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor; with our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace our lives we offer. Re-create us, God, transform!

SERMON “The Ministry of the Baptized” Dr. Butler
“I have given you as a light to the nations, opening blind eyes...”

* HYMN 164 “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways” WEST MAIN

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY *Christ our Lord came to the Jordan* J. S. Bach

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” ABERYSTWYTH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Toccata in d* Franz Xaver Murschhauser
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

10 a.m.
