



ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00am

JAN 12TH, 2025

Vision: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ's love thrives.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE Dennis Thorp

WELCOME Rev. Jan Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 29:1-4 Liturgist, Scott Parsons

Liturgist: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

HYMN OF PRAISE* When Jesus Came to Jordan UMH 252

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist, Scott Parsons

During the Prayers of the People, you will be prompted to respond:

PETITIONS: Liturgist: Lord, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayers.**

PRAISES: Liturgist: Lord, we give you praise. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SONG OF REFLECTION Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17 Liturgist, Scott Parsons

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 God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L: This is the Word of God for the Children of God **P: Thanks be to God**

**At this time, children can stay with their families for the remainder of worship or join a Family Ministries Team member for children's time and worship.*

SERMON

Beloved

Rev. Amy Beth Coleman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Baptismal Remembrance

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amy Beth Coleman

THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Jan Phillips

SENDING FORTH

HYMN OF COMMITMENT*

We Are Called

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1. Come, live in the light, Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord, We are called to be light for the kingdom, To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly, We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God.

2. Come, open your heart, Show your mercy to all those in fear, We are called to be hope for the hopeless, So all hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain.

3. Sing, sing a new song, Sing of that great day when all will be one, God will reign and we'll walk with each other, As sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain.

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Amy Beth Coleman

POSTLUDE

Organist, Dennis Thorp

Response to the Word:

“God is like that. God is like a teacher who has been duped into thinking you are ‘gifted’ and then treats you like you are special.” – Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber

Focus Verse: “But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.” – Isaiah 43:1

