



First Congregational
United Church of Christ

JANUARY 10 WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE –

WELCOME - Pastor Michelle

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP –

Come to the water beloved of God

Let us immerse ourselves into a life opened and guided by the Holy Spirit

Guided by faith we enter the water *together*. We belong to one body. We belong to God. We belong to each other.

Remember your baptism, your identity as one who would *follow Jesus* into places that die to selfishness and greed, into places that stand face to face with those who have been cast off.

Here at the water, entering into a new way of being, may the grip of sin and failure of emptiness and despair be shed and discarded, washed away by grace. Beloved let us put on Christ as we rise from these waters, remembering that we are baptized for so much more than we can possibly imagine.

OPENING SONG – *Something in the Water* by Underwood– JK and the band

SCRIPTURE – Pastor Michelle

Mark 1:4-11

“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed

with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Acts 19:1-7

"While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them."

MUSIC MINISTRY – *Give Me Your Eyes* by Brandon Heath – JK and the band

MESSAGE – *Baptized for More* – Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Pastor Michelle
LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Least of These* by Matt Maher – JK and the band

OFFERING PRAYER – Pastor Michelle

CLOSING SONG – *Blackout* by Steffany Gretzinger – JK and the band

BENEDICTION – Pastor Scott

POSTLUDE – *The River* by Jordan Feliz – JK and the band