



January 11, 2026
Baptism of Christ

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing an experience of belonging, with God's music and the love
and justice of Jesus at the heart of what we do.

Welcome

Rachel Robicheau

Opening Music: Beautiful Jesus

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Opening Prayer

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

Carol Wallace

One: Come to the water
to the place where creation began
and where God's Spirit still hovers with care.

Many: We come remembering that we are held by love.

One: Come with the stories your body carries
of blessings and belonging,
of doubt and distance,
of faith found early or discovered along the way.

Many: We come remembering that God has called us by name.

One: Come, you who have been bruised and not broken,
you whose flame has flickered under the weight of the world.

Many: We come trusting that God will not quench what still burns within us.

One: Come, you who long for justice that heals rather than harms,
justice that lifts rather than crushes,
justice that flows like living water.

Many: We come ready to be shaped again by God's Spirit.

One: Come, beloved of God
claimed before you could earn it,
named before you could speak it,
sent before you fully understood it.

**Many: We come to worship,
remembering who we are
and whose we are.**

Scripture: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Carol Wallace

Gospel: 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 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."

Sacred Stories for All

Jennifer Harris Dault

Music: The Compassion Hymn

Sermon: Marked by Water, Moved by Justice

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Music: Water, River, Spirit, Grace

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

**We affirm that we are claimed by love before we are capable of earning anything.
We affirm that the Spirit of God rests upon ordinary people called to extraordinary compassion.**

We affirm that justice does not need to shout to be powerful and love does not need violence to be strong.

We affirm that in the waters of baptism we were named beloved... and nothing can undo that truth.

We live from that promise.

We move toward that justice.

We trust that God is still doing new things.

Amen.

Offering Invitation

Rachel Robicheau

Pastoral Prayer (with 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.

Closing Music: Made New

Sending Forth

Rev. Timothy Sylvia, Pastor
Jeff Hobart, Director of Music Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning’s flowers are given in honor of those suffering from mental illness and those who have lost that struggle.

WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, January 14th, 6:30 pm EST – ONLINE ONLY:

Join us each Wednesday for a time of deep reflection, thoughtful conversation, and sacred curiosity as we open scripture together and explore what it means for our lives today.

Whether you’ve been reading the Bible for years or are just beginning to ask questions, there’s space for you here. Bring your wonder. Bring your doubts. Bring your whole self. Come for the community. Stay for the transformation. Zoom link sent out weekly and available upon request.

BROWNIES NEEDED FOR TAKEOUT TUESDAY: We are looking for donations of brownies for our dessert for January’s Takeout Tuesday, on the 27th. If you would like to donate a 9 x 13 pan of brownies without nuts, please email Joy (joytardiff49@gmail.com) or use the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter in Memorial Hall. Thank you!

ADULT HYGIENE PRODUCTS DONATIONS: Missions is launching a drive for donations of adult incontinence items and women's hygiene products. There is a Donations bin in Memorial Hall. These products will be delivered to Interfaith Social Services (ISS) in. You may also donate on-line on the church's [giving](#) page.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Staff Meeting	Monday, January 12 th	1:00 pm in the Chapel
Racial Justice	Tuesday, January 13 th	6:00 pm in Memorial Hall
Racial Justice	Saturday, January 17 th	5:00 pm in Memorial Hall

SCAN OUR QR CODES:



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