



Baptism of Christ Sunday
January 12, 2025 10:30 AM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Deep River" Colin Mawby

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: In the beginning water cradled us in the womb,
holding us in suspension until we burst forth in the waters of birth.

All: God's love flows through the water!

One: In the desert a small drop of water causes life to bloom,
a tiny drop of water can quench our burning thirst for justice.

All: God's love flows through the water!

One: All water is holy. A sign that we have passed through troubles, that we have been
refreshed by a gift of life sustained by a love poured over us.

All: God's love flows through the water!

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “Crashing Waters at Creation” #326

New Century Hymnal

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Crashing waters at creation ordered by the Spirit’s breath,
First to witness day’s beginning from the brightness of night’s death.**

**Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage—channel to a life made new.**

**Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the One foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.**

**Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.**

*INVOCATION AND BLESSING OF THE WATER (1)

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "Children of the Heavenly Father" Arr. Dan Forrest

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pew Bible p.834

SERMON

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

INVITATION

VOWS OF RENEWAL

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your baptism? **We do!**

Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always? **We do!**

Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry? **We do!**

Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day? **We do!**

Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God? **We do!**

In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you are receivers and bearers of the grace of God. **Amen!**

(During the singing of the following hymn you are invited to come to the baptismal font, taking a shell from the bowl of water as a reminder of your own baptism.)

HYMN OF RENEWAL "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" #351

New Century Hymnal

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Refrain: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.**

**When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one.
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise. *Refrain***

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 "Meditation in F" Healey Willan

(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).

*DOXOLOGY #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

* COMMISSIONING HYMN "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" #173

New Century Hymnal

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**You have come down the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.**

***Refrain:* O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;**

kindly smiling, you've called out my name.

On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;

now with you I will seek other seas.

**You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. *Refrain***

**You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary—
A love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***

**You who have fished other waters; you the longing for souls that are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God of Grace"

Paul Manz

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes: 1. Adapted from Worship Design Studio
Music reprinted by permission OneLicense A-722326

January 12, 2025 Worship Leaders

Pastor: Sarah Fredriksen McCann

Organist: Jim Threlkeld

Liturgist: Susan Meyer

Ushers: Members of Hope UCC Council

YouTube: Andy Karcher

Tech team: Jim Richmann, Ron Geisel, Kristine Wentzien, Kathleen Mees

