

# CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

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**Baptism of the Lord** **1-12-2025**

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## WE GATHER

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come to the waters.

**P: We gather at the river.**

L: Come to the waters.

**P: The waters of grace flow over us.**

L: Come to the waters.

**P: We are washed in God's love.**

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**P: We are God's beloved children.**

**\*HYMN** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* **UMH# 139**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (IN UNISON)** **UMH# 881**

**\* GLORIA PATRI** **UMH #70**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** **Isaiah 43:1-7**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** **Acts 8:14-17**

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY** **UMH# 95**

**OFFERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

Loving God, you bless us with your love. You know each one of us. We live in confidence and trust, knowing your care for us. We bring these gifts to you, our source of life. Use them, we pray, that others may experience your grace and live free from fear. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING** **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**MESSAGE** *"Happiness"* **Pastor Chris**

**\*HYMN** *"The Lily of the Valley"* **FWS# 2062**

## WE RESPOND

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

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 sins as we forgive those who sinned 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.

**\*HYMN**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

**UMH# 529**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

**\* (Those who are able, please stand)**

**UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal)**

**FWS (The Faith We Sing)**

