

January 12, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!  
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

**Pastoral Greeting:**

†**Opening Hymn:**      “How Firm a Foundation”      UMH #529

**Call to Worship:**

L: Come to the waters.

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

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

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**P: We are washed in God’s love.**

L: Come to the waters.

**All: We are God’s beloved children.**

**Call to Prayer of Confession:**

L: God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

**All: Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

**Words of Assurance:**

†**Affirmation of Faith:**      “The Apostles Creed”      UMH #881

†**Gloria Patri:**      UMH #70

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**All: Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.**

**O.T. Scripture:**      Isaiah 43:1-7      Pew Bible Pg. 514

†**N.T. Scripture:**      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22      Pew Bible Pg. 726

**Hymn of Preparation:**

“Jesus, Name above All Names”      TFWS #2071

**Message:**      “Whose Are You”

**Special Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer and Concerns:**

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:**

\***The Doxology:**      “Praise God.....”      UMH #95

†**Closing Hymn:**      “Spirit Song”      UMH #347

**Benediction:**

**Sending Forth:**      “Make Me A Servant”      TFWS #2176

**Church Announcements!!!!**

**Weekly Church Services:**

**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

**Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Church Staff:**

**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

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**Administrative Chairperson: Roberta Suloff**

**President of Trustees: Robert White**

**“Please invite family and friends to view or follow our  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.**

**This is the Zoom Meeting ID and Password:**

**Meeting ID: 894 5832 3418**

**Passcode: 14cZDy**

**You can also join the Zoom Meeting using the below:**

**<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89458323418?pwd=n2Fxm6ebqSVsFOzPLKvxDIrgbJdFI0.1>**

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**When you pass  
through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and through the rivers,  
they shall not  
overwhelm you.**

**Isaiah 43.2**

