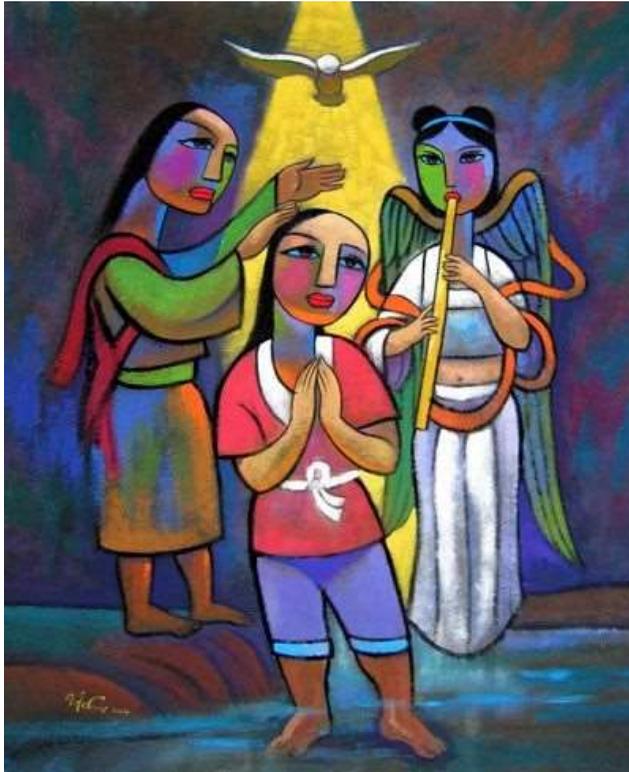


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The Baptism of Jesus
Sunday January 11, 2026

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ was baptized in the Jordan, immersed in our lives.

All: And we are baptized into Christ.

Leader: You spoke to him, claimed him as your beloved, and poured out your Holy Spirit upon him.

All: Alleluia! Speak to us and claim us in his name.

Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*HYMN

Down By the Jordan

W & S #3045

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, as Jesus was immersed in the waters of the Jordan, immerse us in your love. As Jesus heard you speak, so may we hear your Word, your promise, your ever-present, deeply loving voice. Baptize us in your Spirit, O God, and birth us anew in the name of Christ. Amen.

THE BASKET

Down to the River to Pray

W & S #3164

*1 As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.*

*O *sisters, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Come on, sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray*

** 2. Brothers, 3. Fathers, 4. Mother's, 5. sinners*

SCRIPTURE 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."

MESSAGE

Remembering Our Baptism

RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

Pastor: Beloved in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God gives us new birth through water and the Spirit, includes us in Christ's holy church, and makes us part of the salvation of the world.

So we come to the water— Yes, everyone who thirsts! Come to the waters: water of new birth, poured out and flowing freely for all who will receive it; water of justice rolling down, water of righteousness like an ever flowing stream; a spring of water in us gushing up to eternal life; the river of God for the healing of the world.

We come to this water because our souls thirst for you, O God, as in a dry and weary land.

All: We come to this water to renew our love as siblings in Christ, and to renew our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ.

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

Pastor: As we behold the mystery of God's grace, I invite you to profess your faith, and to confirm the baptismal covenant made in your name:

Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

All: We confess our need for the saving, life-giving grace of God!

Pastor: Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

All: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Pastor: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

All: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Pastor: Will you receive God's grace, give yourselves wholly to God, and live as disciples of Jesus, Christ's body on earth?

All: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in Christ's grace, and promise to serve Christ as our Superior, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

All: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in living the faith through the church?

All: With God's help we will embody the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will surround each other with faith, hope and love that we all may grow in grace and faith and learn to trust God and live in loving service in the world. We will pray for each other and walk with one another on our journey of discipleship together.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

Let us join in professing our faith.

Pastor: Do you trust in God the Father and Mother?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you follow Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Begotten, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you live by the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Spirit of God is among us.

All: The blessing of the Beloved is upon us!

Pastor: Let us pray. Loving, life-giving God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth Creation. You

brought us to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea. You gave us new birth through baptism into Christ, and gave us life that cannot die.

All: The river of God is full of water, the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the heart of God.

Pastor: We who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into his life, born in the water of a womb; we are baptized into his ministry, giving water to the thirsty, washing the feet and sharing the tears of all who suffer; and we are baptized into his death, so that just as Christ was raised by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

All: Born of water and the Spirit, may we enter into the Realm of God as children of God, born not of human will, but of God.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this water and bless us as we remember it.

All: Claimed by your Word, nourished in your grace, washed from all sin and borne by your Spirit, may we live in freedom, trust and courage, sharing in the eternal life of Christ.

Pastor: Children of God, you are God's Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.

All: All praise to you, Eternal Father and Mother, Son and Holy Spirit, in the present moment and in eternity. Amen!

BLESSING:

Pastor: The God of all grace, who loves us, blesses us and calls us in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in love and grace and peace.

HYMN

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY *Wash O God Our Sons And Daughters vs. 1 & 3 UMH #605*

Wash O God our sons and daughters
Where Your cleansing waters flow
Number them among Your people
Bless as Christ blessed long ago
Weave them garments bright and sparkling
Compass them with love and light
Fill anoint them send Your Spirit
Holy dove and heart's delight

Verse 3

O how deep Your holy wisdom
Unimagined all Your ways
To Your name be glory honor
With our lives we worship praise
We Your people stand before You
Water washed and Spirit-born
By Your grace our lives we offer
Recreate us God transform

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Lead us always into the depths of your love, into the flowing stream of your Spirit, into the clear waters of discernment, and into the world to serve, in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH #334

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POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS January 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 12th – 18th

Monday January 11th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday January 12th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday January 13th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday January 14th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Sunday January 18th

Worship @ 10am

An opportunity for service to our church needs YOU!

Each Sunday 2 ushers are needed to assist Pastor Ninabeth with the worship service.

New ushers are able to serve alongside ushers with experience.

Flexible dates are available.

If interested in serving in this manner, please see or contact Anita Dispenziere (201- 874- 6915) for more information.

THE RACK IS BACK!!!!

Now-March 1, 2026

A friend of mine has a rack of coats, and a bucket of hats, gloves, and scarves for anyone in need. The rack hangs in her front yard in Ringwood.

The sign outside reads

“Need a coat, take one- Want to help, leave one”.

If you have any coats, gloves, hats, or scarves that you cannot use anymore, you can bring them to church and give them to me.

I will make sure they get to the rack!

Thank you in advance, Liz Tible

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