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No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!

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**BAPTISM OF THE CHRIST**

**January 12, 2014**

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\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

#### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **Centering Music**

"Baptized in Water"

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*Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

**\*Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 29

The voice of our God is over the waters;

**The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.**

The voice of God breaks the cedars and makes Lebanon skip like a calf.

**The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.**

The God of glory thunders over mighty waters,

And in God's temple, all cry, "Glory!"

**\*Gathering Song (insert)** "Baptized in Water"

**\*Silent Confession** ending with:

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;*

*Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (3x)*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

**Children's Message** "Water of Blessing" The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**Sung Prayer for Illumination** NCH 451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 1

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;*

*nothing surpasses the love you impart--*

*You my best thought, by day or by night,*

*waking or sleeping, your presence my light.*

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. (p. 820-821 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3 in the NT of your pew Bible)

**Sung Response** NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 2

*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;*

*ever within me, my soul is assured;*

*Mother and Father, you are both to me,*

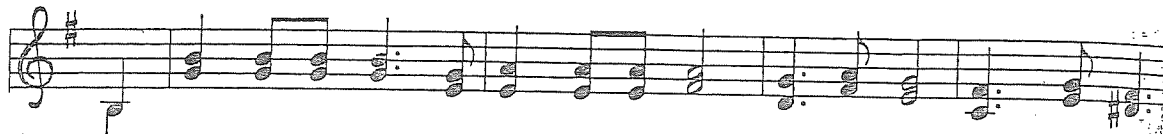
*now and forever your child I will be.*

**Sermon** "Learning to Swim" The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

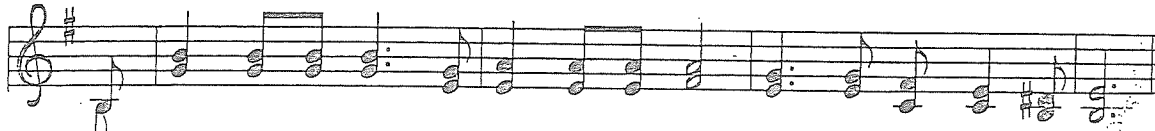
\*Song (insert)

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

Prayers of the People (2x) “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Please join in praying the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:*

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.

Offering of Gifts “What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams” Thomas H. Troeger

### Prayer of Dedication

We bring you our gifts, O God. Through them may the eyes of the blind be opened, the prisoners be freed, and the new things of your reign spring forth. Amen.

Song (insert)

“I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

### **\*Commissioning and Blessing**

Through the waters of baptism, God has called you by name  
and declared you beloved.

Be borne forth on the current of those waters to resist oppression and evil,  
show love and justice, and declare the freeing power of God's reign.

Go, knowing that wherever you are, you are awash in the love of God,  
buoyed up by the grace of Christ,  
and carried forth by the power of the Spirit,  
this day and forever.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Sending Music**

#### *Today's Worship Leaders*

Liturgist: Hannah Hannover

Interim Minister: Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Children & Youth Minister: Hannah Hannover

Youth Minister: Linda Hanson

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

#### **Next Week Sunday, January 19:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages:

Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6)

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room

Learning Center (FH) - 2014 Budget discussion

Sermon: "Physically Spiritual, Spiritually Physical"

Texts: I Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

**Welcome!** We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.