



CENTERING MUSIC ~ “For the Beauty of the Earth,” arr. Diane Bish

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL UPDATES

MINUTE FROM OUR PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ~ Tammie Davis

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (No. 482) ~ “Baptized in Water”

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.

(Time for silent confession). **O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SCRIPTURE ~ Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON ~ “Righteous Baptism” by Rev. Brad Walker

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostle’s Creed *(p.35, Glory to God)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (10:30am)

*HYMN OF SENDING (No. 69) ~ “Here I Am, Lord”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE ~ “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” arr. Diane Bish

Ordination and Installation of Officers

January 11, 2026

Elders ~ Class of 2028

Wesley Combs
Candi Harker
Julianna King
Larry Maston
Daniel Robertson
Kathy Ruffel

Deacons ~ Class of 2027

Judy Cox
Jamie Davis
Ella Deakins
Agnese Goin
Alex King
Sarah King
Greta Robinette
Cindy Sharitt

Youth Elders ~ Class of 2026

Lylah Combs
Lleyton Good

Sermon Notes