



***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: You who created the heavens and stretched them out above us, You who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and shoots,

ALL: Breathe life into us, God Who Creates!

L: You who came to the river, You who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters,

A: Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus Christ!

L: You who soared through the heavens, You who hovered and rested upon Jesus,

A: Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven's Dove.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

You Who Call Us, we come before you in answer of your call in our life. You created the heavens and the earth and placed us here for life and hope. We know your dream for a world that is righteous and just, a world you promise will come to pass. Breathe your Spirit upon us again, and bring to life our passion for your bold vision. Make us lights to those who sit in darkness! In the name of Jesus, who descended into the waters of baptism to show us the way to righteousness, and of the Soaring Spirit, who alights upon those who arise from these life-giving waters. Amen.

Opening Hymn UMH 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/ Lord's Prayer

Baptism of The Girard Children UMH 39

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Robert Lau
*Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given*

***The Doxology** (on screen)

Lord of all Good

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

Hymn TFWS 2051

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Message

"Water Marked"

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Oath UMH 33

Hymn (on screen)

Down by the Jordan

*Benediction

*Postlude Recessional in C

Josef Haydn/Lani Smith

*Has God laid something on your heart?
Write it down so you don't forget to take it into your week!*



Scan/click with
your cell phone if
you would like to
give electronically!

*Tell someone you didn't come in with that you love them
and that you're glad they're here!*

**Meet Jesus ~ Follow Jesus ~ Serve Jesus
Love Boldly ~ Serve Joyfully ~ Lead Courageously**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES

Welcome! We're so glad you are here worshipping with us today! Children are *always* welcome to stay and participate in worship. The nursery is open and located in the corner of the fellowship hall. If this is your first time with us, please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate. We Livestream our services each Sunday. You can find these services on our church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/

-**RIP IT**- Free exercise group. Check FB group for updates.

-**Bible Studies**- Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts), Thursdays at **7pm**.

- "**Promises in the Dark**" study **Mondays** at One More Chapter Book Store, **7-8:30 pm**. Please see Don for more information.

-**WGYB Winter Edition Today!** 1-3 pm

- **SPRC Meeting Jan. 13th** at 5:30 pm

- **Trustees Meeting Jan. 15th** at 12 pm

- **COS Meeting Jan. 21st** at 6:00 pm

Read Ahead for next Sunday: John 1:29-42
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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