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*The chancel flowers on the altar are dedicated
in memory of Joe Dupree,
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



January 11, 2026
8:30 a.m. Worship

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GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “If You Would Trust In God To Guide You”

*Call to Worship

Come to the waters, beloved—
where Spirit moved over at creation,
where Jesus was immersed in justice, where God leaned close to us.

We splash in the river of God’s joy.

Come to the waters, beloved—
where God’s voice thunders, where God whispers kindness.

We watch as Jesus steps

Into the muddy mess of our lives.

Come to the waters, beloved—
where the Spirit gifts us so
we can stand side by side with the broken and forgotten.

**We come because we are indeed
God’s beloved children.**

*Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH #57

*Opening Prayer

**Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are,
we too delight in your beloved Son. As in His name we gather in the
house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we
may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our
common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus
our Lord.
Amen!**

*Passing the Peace

*Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come
to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!*

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

NT Lesson Acts 10:34-43 Mark Munger

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem “Down to the River to Pray”

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UMH 334

Recognizing 2026 Leadership

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition UMH 607

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song “Here I Am, Lord”

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” FWS 2051

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “Go Forth for God” UMH #670
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed
with heavenly grace, in God’s good Spirit daily to increase, till in the
kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

** Please stand as you are able.*