

## Worship January 12, 2025

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Responsive Call to Worship

*The waters of God's blessing flow through our lives,*

*quenching our thirst, bringing forth new hope.*

*Come to the waters. We gather at the river.*

*Come to the waters. The waters of grace flow over us.*

*Come to the waters. We are washed in God's love.*

*Come to the waters. We are God's beloved children.*

Mary Petrina Boyd, Abingdon Worship Annual 2025

### Opening Prayer:

**God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** *Spirit Song*

UMH 347

**Affirmation of Faith:** Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada, UMH 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns** (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

(silent prayer)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43:1-2

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

**(All) Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn:** *God of Wonders* – Marc Byrd

**Scripture:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

**(All) Thanks be to God!**

**Message:** *Fire and Water*

**Remembering our Baptism:** everyone is invited to come forward to bowls of water, and take a stone from the water in remembrance of their baptism.

**Special Music:** *Come As You Are* – David Crowder

**Prayer of Response:**

**In the silence, God, we listen for your voice. We hear you say, "Don't be afraid," and we dare to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. We hear you say, "You are my child," and we find courage to serve as Christ's representatives in the world. We hear you say, "You are my beloved," and we live in joy, sharing your peace. We hear you and we thank you for your gift of love.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Response:** *Baptized in Water*

FWS 2248

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** *Agnus Dei* – Ruth Morris Gray      Chancel Choir

**Doxology – Hymn 94**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Opportunities Coming Soon!** (Announcements)

**Blessing** (Benediction)

**Closing Song:** *And Are We Yet Alive* UMH 553, vv. 1, 4, 6

***Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after the service!***

**Our Staff:**

*Pastor: Rev. Kim Poer*

*Office Administrator: Nancy Volgamore*

*Music Director: Matthew Compton*

*Accompanist: Josh Billings*

*Family Ministries: Tiffiney Nordby*

*Preschool Director: Ashley Skelton*

**TODAY'S SERVANTS:**

*Reader: Elizabeth Taylor*

*Greeters: Lance & Kathy Bachman*

*Ushers: Jean Berkheiser & Elaine Gilbert*

*Coffee Hosts: (all church luncheon today)*

*A/V Booth: Bill Berta & Brian Poer*

*Sunday School Volunteer:*

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## ***Fire and Water***

*We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service.*