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An Affirming Ministry

January 13, 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

VU–Voices United

Baptism of the Lord

MV–More Voices



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WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Once again we receive January's blessing:

All: baptism of earth, baptism of us,

One: cold waters falling, ancient waters parting,

All: transitions embracing, beginnings celebrating.

One: Light bestowing, rest inviting,

All: grace imparting, gratitude inspiring.

One: blessings within, blessings around.

All: with thanks and praise, we lift our hearts.

SONG MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountain

GATHERING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER SONG VU 710 Shall We Gather at the River v.1

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing with the love of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows with the love of God.

ENGAGING THE STORY

READING Isaiah 43:1-3

SONG MV 161 I Have Called You vv.1,2

READING Luke 3:21-22

SONG MV 161 I Have Called You vv.3,4

MESSAGE

OFFERING AND DEDICATION SONG

VU 372 Though I May Speak

CHOIR SONG Give Me a Song *P. Choplin* See back of bulletin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

STAFF RECOGNITION

SONG VU 716 My Life Flows On

BLESSING

Thanks to all who participated in today's service!

We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world.
As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **cake** and
conversation with friends in the **Gymnasium** downstairs.
Blessings! Go with God!

CHOIR SONG Give Me a Song *P. Choplin*

Give me a song and let me sing,
and I'll not ask for anything:
no wealth, or fame, no worldly praise,
but let me raise my voice to you.

And if the world should stop to hear,
let your melody come sound, strong and clear.
that through my song, that through my voice,
they will rejoice in the music of you.

Hymns to sing of your mighty power,
psalms to sing of your grace.
Come and give the songs to sing
with your spirit as you fill the weary soul.

So if I have one life to live,
how shall I choose my life to give?
I'll lift my voice to fill my days with grateful praise.
O give me a song to praise my God.