

LITURGIST: Ellie Haven
USHERS: Dave Looney, Charlie White
FELLOWSHIP TIME: Brenda Cripps, Alan Headbloom,
Dave Looney
NURSERY: Abby Green & Avalon Green

Mission Statement

We are an inclusive and welcoming community that practices Jesus' radical love and affirmation. In worshipful response to God's transformative work in our lives, we pursue the liberation of all people from injustice and oppression.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 15	Lunch Bunch 11:30AM
Friday, January 24	Drinks and Deconstruction 7PM
Sunday, January 26	Annual Congregational Meeting



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The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 12, 2025

CENTERING THOUGHT

“Christianity did not begin with a confession. It began with an invitation into friendship, into creating a new community, into forming relationships based on love and service.”

-Diana Butler Bass

Bridge Interim Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Rodriguez
Director of Music: William Bokhout
Accompanist: Dr. Caleb Wenzel

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: God who meets us in the sacraments, calling us to come closer,

Many: help us hear Your call and answer it.

One: We give thanks for the waters of baptism

Many: as they wash our bodies and souls.

One: We give thanks for the bread and wine of communion

Many: as they feed our bodies and souls.

One: We give thanks that You love us enough to keep reaching out to us.

Many: May we feel renewed by and in Your love. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation

NCH 326

* OPENING PRAYER

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

River in Judea

Feldman

MOMENT OF GENEROSITY

Prayer of Dedication

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSV Pg 672

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Response

Born From a Star

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NRSV Pg 60

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Response

What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams

NCH 169

SERMON

“Sacramental Certainties”

Rev. Stephanie Rodriguez

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Maren Tirabassi, *Gifts In Open Hands*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Come to your new journey to be sustained by the food and drink of this holy table.

Many: We come following the stars of guidance.

One: Come in spite of all the detours of your life.

Many: We know God shows us every year, every day an oasis of safety and rest

when we are escaping

from dangers all around us,

and the ‘home by another way’

which may be a new staying place

or a new adventure.

One: Come for there is always a table waiting.

Many: We come to share what strengthens us

and receive the gifts of others.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, as you serve us in sacrament, shine before us a star, and teach us to be cooks and servers for the hungry in the world, those who are escaping some tyranny, those who just need a gift, we go forth to share your kindness, your wisdom, your open heart and resting place. Amen

COMMUNION SONG

Come To The Water

John B. Foley

* CLOSING HYMN

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NCH 401

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



* Indicates those who are able are asked to stand.