



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am

### **Baptism of the Lord**

#### **Music as We Gather**

##### **Gathering**

\* **Introit:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 vs.1

#### **The lighting of the Christ Candle**

\* **Hymn:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 vs.4

#### **Recognition of the Land**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

##### **\* Call to Worship:**

Let us gather at the river!

**We shall pray as one.**

Let us gather at the river!

**We shall rejoice as one.**

Let us gather at the river!

**We shall worship as one.**

Let us gather at the river!

**We are one, in the name of God.**

\* **Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" VU #710

#### **Opening Prayer**

##### **Listening**

#### **Children's Time / Time for all Ages:**

##### **The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn:** "I've Got Peace like a River" VU #577

##### **Scripture:**

Isaiah 42:1-9

*God's servant brings justice*

Matthew 3:13-17

*Jesus is Baptized*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** TBA

**Message:** **Wade Into the Waters** Pastor Katie Logan

\* **Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

##### **Celebrating**

##### **Offering of Our Gifts**

\* **Offertory:** "We Give You but Your Own" VU #542

##### **Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious God, we lift up our gratitude to you with open hearts. Through your everlasting grace, you are with us, calling us deep into the waters of life and reminding us that we are yours forever. May you bless these gifts that we offer today as they are given. We pray all this in the name of your child, Christ Jesus, Amen.**

##### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:** "Called by Earth and Sky" MV #135

##### **\* Commissioning**

**\* Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\* Hymn:**

“Amen”

VU #967

**Postlude**