



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave.,
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 11th, 2026, 10:00am
Baptism of the Lord

(* = Please rise in body or spirit) (MV = More Voices)
(VU = Voices United) (TS = Then Let Us Sing)

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Congregational Introit: "I am the Light"

VU #87 vs.1

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

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

Centring Music

Call to Worship

Welcome to today's worship!
It is good to be here.

Why do we come today?
We come seeking God's blessings and love.

We come seeking to forgive and be forgiven
We come seeking healing and wholeness
These will be given to us.
Open our hearts to receive God's Good News.
We open our hearts to God in worship.

* Hymn: "Arise, Your Light is Come"

VU #79

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

*Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

Prayer for Illumination

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.

Anthem: The Light Still Shines

offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: "Baptism - What's the Point?"

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

Prayer: Every Child Matters (on screen)

*Hymn: "O Love, How Deep"

VU #348

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*Offertory Hymn:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

*Offertory Prayer:

**By your grace, Baptizing God, we open our eyes to see
those in need around us. By your abundance in our
lives, what we offer can bring hope and healing to**

many. By your blessing, all are invited to the waters of life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

***Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

***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!**

*** Sung Benediction:** "Threefold Amen" VU #967

Postlude