



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

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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**