

Chiming of the Hour The Children of Highland Park

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision,*
Mark Stern, Organist and Accompanist

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Cheryl Kimble,
Pastor

Call to Worship, spoken in unison Rev. Cheryl Kimble

God of many names, you name us your kin.
If we rest in that identity, we can welcome others, even those we fear.
For you are wild, with a Spirit like a rushing river,
calling us into the chaos of relationships.
Yet in you there is peace.
When the waters rise and the undertow pulls us under,
you promise to be with us, through water and fire.
We are your people; you formed us and made us, knit us together,
and taught us to pray, through the power of that wandering Spirit.
As we remember our baptism, may we be immersed
in the presence of God as we worship together.

Hymn, No. 450 *With Water Freely Flowing*

Passing the Peace Brian Walters,
Liturgist

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them up unto the Lord.
One: Now with the power of God's love and in the fullness of God's spirit,
please greet one another with the peace of Christ!

Hymn of Peace *All Is Welcome Here*
Children are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon.

Children's Sermon Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements,
Associate Pastor

Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery.

Hymn, No. 449 *Baptized in Water*

Special Music *John Was Preaching in the Desert,*
Kristin Werner

Offertory Prayer Brian Walters

Offertory *Baptism of the Lord,*
Mark Stern

Doxology, tune No. 307
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O Praise God, O Praise God Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements

The Lord's Prayer **spoken in unison**

Anthem *Down to the River to Pray,*
Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 3:21-22

Sermon "The Power of Water" Rev. Cheryl Kimble,

Remember Your Baptism Rev. Cheryl Kimble & Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements

Hymn of Response, No. 152

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Announcements

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Sung Benediction, No. 514

Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him

Postlude

*Toccata (BuxWV 157),
Mark Stern*

Announcements

Church Council will meet today in the library immediately after worship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Micah 6 shelves in the atrium - The food pantry helps low-income individuals and families meet their most basic need for food and sustenance. Shoppers come from many walks of life: some have mental and physical disabilities, some are burdened with addictions, some are undocumented immigrants with families who do not qualify for government assistance, and some have unexpectedly experienced unemployment or other crisis and are unable to provide food for their families. The shelves are also used when the church has walk-ins needing assistance. Alana will be making a delivery to Micah 6 on January 16th.

Dates to Note:

Youth Camp is June 23-27

Children's Camp is July 20-23

thechurch@
**Highland
Park**

REMEMBER
YOUR
BAPTISM

The Worship of God
on the First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here.
All are welcome here because all are worthy.