

Baptism of the Lord Sunday – January 9, 2022 – 8:30am & 10:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Gathering Music – *“Love is a Miracle”*

A Word of Greeting and Welcome ~

Rev. Allison Mark

Centering Words -

The Spirit dances in the water, waiting in baptism to join us in the fire of God’s love. Come to the waters. Come to the Spirit. Come to the journey of a lifetime – a journey through death to life everlasting.

Opening Hymn* - *“Sing Alleluia”*

Only By Faith

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-

Minister Ainise Isama’u

L: Sing praises to the Lord. Sing of God’s glory and strength.

P: God calls us over the waters and strengthens us for the journey.

L: Sing praises to Christ. Sing of Christ’s healing and love.

P: The waters of our baptism cleanse us, renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.

L: Sing praises to the Spirit. Sing of the Spirit’s comfort and hope.

P: The flames of the Spirit are like a refiner’s fire, purifying the soul to the glory of God.

Opening Prayer

Minister Ainise Isama’u

Let us bow our heads. Source of love and mercy, as we enter a new year in the life of this church, may our love for you be made known in our love for one another. Help us leave old grievances and former arguments behind, as we open our hearts to the possibilities that lie before us. Guide our footsteps into the glory of your ways, that we may live as you created us to be – beloved children, crowned with glory and honor. May our worship reflect the greatness of our calling, and the honor of our heritage. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Darrell Mark

Choral Anthem – *“Gather at the River”*

(8:30) Faith Chancel Choir

Special Music – *“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”*

(10:30) Devotion Band

The Word of God for the people of God

Scripture Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Darrell Mark

¹⁵The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ.¹⁶ John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." ¹⁷The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."

²¹When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: ~ "Down In the River to Pray"

Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God's grace

Offering Our Gifts ~

Doxology*

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Darrell Mark

Let us bow our heads. Mighty One, your voice is powerful, shaking the wilderness and stripping the forests bare. Speak words of blessing upon our offering this day, that nothing may hinder the good our gifts may do in your name. Give strength to your people, through the gifts we bring before you, that all may know the glory of your Spirit, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn* ~ "The Summons"

Crossroads

Commission and Blessings * -

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude