



**ST. JOHN'S**  
united church



## **Service Outline for January 10**

### **Baptism of Jesus**

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#### **Service outline for Sunday, January 10, 10:30 AM**

A warm welcome to the folks from Hope United who will be joining us this week during their Minister's time off.

On Sunday morning, just click [HERE](#), and you will automatically be Zoomed to the service. The meeting ID is [907 883 055](#). Should it ask for a password, please enter "worship".

Below you'll find the service outline with the words to the hymns. You can also view and print it as a separate page by clicking [THIS LINK](#).

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**PLEASE NOTE: This is an inter-generational service. If you would like to fully participate; please bring a bowl of water, one sheet of paper per person and markers.**

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**Welcome and Announcements,  
Acknowledgment of the Land**

Placing the Bible, Lighting the Christ Candle and Rainbow Candle

Gathering Song, **VU #34: “Come Now, O God of Love”**

*Come now, O God of love,  
we are your people;  
pour out your spirit  
that we be one body.*

Opening Hymn, **VU #87: “I am the Light of the World”** (verses 1, 2 and 4)

**Refrain**

*'I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.*

- 1. When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have  
found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun: **Refrain***
  
- 2. To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth  
and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above! **Refrain***
  
- 4. To bring hope to every task you do,  
to dance at a baby's new birth,  
to make music in an old person's heart,  
and sing to the colours of the earth! **Refrain***

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture reading:** Luke 3:1-22 (Jesus is baptized)

**Inter-generational Liturgy** (quotes from Rachel Held Evans, "Searching for Sunday")

One: Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are born into the brokenness of this world.  
Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.  
Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity  
is the means by which we are received, at any age,  
into the covenanted community of the church.  
It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith  
and cleansing by the power of God. Baptism signifies the nurturing,  
sustaining, and transforming power of God's love and our grateful  
response to that grace.

**All: Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing.  
Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust, we witness to  
Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. Amen.**

Children's Hymn, **MV #161: "I Have Called You by Your Name"** (vs 1, 2 & 4)

1. *I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.*
  
2. *I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name; speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.*
  
4. *I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people  
they are mine.*

Centering Hymn, **MV #21: "Open Our Hearts"**, 2x

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives' to you, O loving God.  
(Repeat)  
Open our hearts.*

**Prayers of Community** and the Prayer Jesus gave us (sung, VU #959)

**We Bless our Offerings**

**God bless the gifts given, may they inspire creativity, inclusivity and  
passion. Amen.**

Sending Hymn, **VU #100: “When Jesus Came to Be Baptized”** (vs 1, 4 & 5)

1. *When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
he leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace,  
to bear the sins of humankind.*
  
4. *O Spirit help us be like Christ:  
to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now,  
and grow in Christian dignity.*
  
5. *We praise you, God, source of all life,  
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;  
your triune presence fills our world.*

**Sending and Closing Blessing**

One: As we leave worship today, may we remember the love of God,  
the wisdom of all ages and the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to  
both embrace and to share.

**All: Amen!**

Choral Blessing:

***The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;  
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace falling over you, God’s peace growing in you.***