



As he was  
coming up  
out of the water,  
he saw the ... Spirit  
descending  
like a dove  
on him.

Mark 1:10

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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*First Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 8, 2012

8:00 & 11:00 A.M.

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

***“He didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.”***

*~Clarence Budington Kelland*

CHIMES

PRELUDE (*JoyFull Noise Flute Ensemble*) “Song Of The Wise Men” arr. Gibson

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

GREETING Rev. Danny J. Kesner

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

***Father, I am thankful that You love me even as You love Your Son Jesus. I cannot grasp this amazing truth in my own understanding, but by faith I believe it to be true. I pray that I will be rooted and grounded in Your love and that I will be able to comprehend how deep and high and wide and long is Your love for me expressed in Your Son, Jesus Christ. In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus I pray, Amen.***

CHORAL INTROIT

(*Chancel Choir Women’s Ensemble*) “Mark How The Lamb Of God’s Self Offering” Daw

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand, as able.*)

L: The Father’s voice bears witness to the Son.

***P: God has shown himself to us.***

L: The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

***P: God has shown himself to us.***

L: Christ submits to John’s baptism and frees us from slavery.

***P: God has shown himself to us.***

L: God’s love is seen to the end of the world.

***All: God has shown himself to us.***

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Remain standing.*) “Breathe On Me, Breath Of God” No. 420

## WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Dearest Lord Jesus" J. S. Bach

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY *(Please stand, as able.)*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE "Mark 1:4 - 11" N. T. Pg. 32

SERMON "Jesus: The Next Steps" Rev. Janet Allen

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANTHEM *(Chancel Choir Women's Ensemble with flute duet)* "Feed My Lambs" Sleeth

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Allen

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE *(Please stand, as able.)* "I Am Thine, O Lord" No. 419

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rev. Kesner

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*(Chancel Choir Women's Ensemble)* "Grant Us, O God, The Strength And Courage" Daw

POSTLUDE "A Celebration Of Praise" Denton



Sunday, January 8, 2012, 9:30 a.m.  
First Sunday after the Epiphany

**Gathering Music**

*Connexions Praise Band*

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

*Rev. Danny J. Kesner*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Songs of Praise**

**Giving Our Offerings to God**

**Hearing the Scriptures: Mark 1:4-11**

The word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: “Jesus: The Next Steps”**

*Rev. Janet Allen*

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Song of Praise**

**Dismissal Blessing**

**Departing to Serve**