

City Road United Methodist Church

A Lighthouse Congregation

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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*Service of Word**January 11th, 2026**11:00 a.m.**Gathering**Prelude**Introit: Majesty**UMH 176**Words of Welcome**Josh Tester, Pastor**Call to Worship:*

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.**Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**UMH 139**Proclamation***Old Testament Lesson**Isaiah 43:1-7***Call to Confession*

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

God loves us and calls us each by name.

Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

**Prayer of Confession*

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to

change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness*

**Sharing Peace*

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Time

Call to Offering

Offertory

**Doxology:*

UMH 95

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.

**Centering Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH 349

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:1-11

Response

**Affirmation of Faith: "Apostle's Creed"*

UMH 51

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Pastor: We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray:
 All: Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with joy and

faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(The Pastor, standing near the baptismal font, begins:)

Pastor Josh: Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism, all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world. We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation. Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, I call upon all God's people gathered here:

Pastor: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

People: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry. Amen

Celebration and Commissioning of 2026 Lay Leadership

"Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

UMH 607

Sending Forth

**Sending Hymn: Spirit Song*

UMH 347

**Benediction*

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able