

Order of Service. 9/13/2026  
Monthly Theme: Interdependence  
**Take Me to the River (Water Communion)**  
RevNick Sanchez

**GATHERING**

**Morning Sing**

I've Got Peace Like a River #100: Words and Music: Marvin V Frey

Wade in the Water #210; Words and Music: African American Spiritual

Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music: RevAmy Carol Webb

**Welcome**

**Prelude** Take Me to The River; Words and Music: Al Green and Mabon "Teenie" Hodges, River of Grass Band

**Welcome Cont.**

**Chalice Lighting** The Spirit of Water by Katie Sivani Gelfand

**Opening Music** Down to the River to Pray; Words and Music: African American Spiritual

**CONNECTING**

**Call to Worship** Wellspring of New Beginnings by Rev. Nick Sanchez

**Covenant**

**Offering/Offertory** New Beginnings

**DEEPENING**

**Deepening Music** Watching the River Run; Words and Music: Kenny Loggins and Jim Messina

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection** Water is Wide: Traditional English and Scottish folk song

**Pastoral Response**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Blessing of the Teachers**

**Message** Take Me to the River RevNick Sanchez

**Joining of the Waters Ritual**

**Special Music** by The Waters

**Blessing the Water**

**SENDING**

**Closing Music** Blue Boat Home #1064; Words: Peter Meyer, Music: Roland Hugh Pritchard

**Closing Words** All Rivers Run to the Sea by Kayle Rice

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Announcements**

**Invite to Hospitality**

**Shine On**

**Music Reprise**