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Baptism of Christ

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song MV #1 – “*Let Us Build a House*”

Call to Worship

One: Water.

All: Life making. Body filling. World changing.

One: Spirit!

All: Life making. Soul filling. World changing!

One: Child of God!

All: Life making. Spirit filling. World changing!

One: Blessed –

All: and blessing.

One: Water. Spirit. Children of God.

All: Together in this place. Remembering who we are.

Remembering whose we are. Worshipping God. Alleluia!

* Hymn VU #380 – “*She Comes Sailing on the Wind*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God, who spoke words of love for Jesus at his baptism, and who still speaks words of love for us at the font, be present. Speak to us anew this day that we may speak boldly of you in a world that desperately longs to be re-created in your love.

Gracious One, wash over us with your baptism of forgiveness and reconciliation. When we neglect justice; when we cause strife; when we walk away from your path of discipleship, forgive us. Wash over us with your baptism of forgiveness and reconciliation, that we may be made whole again. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn VU #84 – “*O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*”

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Isaiah 42: 1-9
Matthew 3: 13-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “I believe... I belong”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “Renew Us”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.
Come and journey, come and journey,
With a Saviour who has come.
We are all God’s sons and daughters.
In the Spirit we are one.**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn VU #79 – “*Arise, Your Light is Come*”

* Benediction / Response (MV #211)

**Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished by the World of Life.
(repeat)**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Anne Thoroughgood, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Shirley Goossen and Sylvia Mann

Greeters: Elaine Ramcharan and Yvonne Schneider