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**Baptism** 

(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 #39 – "Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing"

Call to Worship

One: Come at dawn!

All: Come at noon!

One: Come late in the day!

All: Come in the vineyard,

One: where the last and the first

All: harvest God's good fruit together. Come!

Hymn VU #521 – "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God we come together to bless and praise your name. We know that you are worthy to be praised for great is God, and great are God's deeds. You uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. God watches over all. God of fruitful labor, work sometimes brings out the worst in us. At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray.

AMEN

Words of Assurance

\* Hymn VU #445 – "A Little Child the Saviour Came"

Celebration of Baptism (see insert)

## The Word

Scripture Readings – Matthew 20: 1-16
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Response – "Open Our Eyes" (see insert)

Meditation - "If I am first, who is last?"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "I Saw the Rich Ones"

## The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Judi Olson Chiswell

\* Offering / Response (VU #540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, With a spirit large and free, That ourselves and all our living We may offer faithfully.

Pastoral Prayer

- \* Hymn VU #424 "May the God of Hope Go With Us"
- \* Benediction / Response (VU #575 v.1)

I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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

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

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers June Kaan, Liturgist

Ushers: Margaret Gibb and Craig Gibb Greeters: Anne Derksen and Guy Jeanson