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Baptism

World Gratitude Day

(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 VU #291 – *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

Call to Worship

One: Come from the work of the world.

**All: God’s love is in this place.**

One: Come from places of strife.

**All: God’s peace is in this place.**

One: Come as you are to God.

**All: God will show us the way.**

\* Hymn VU #389 – *“God is Here”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**God of living water, your Spirit is upon us all. Your breath moves within us from the moment our hearts start beating and our minds start dreaming. But on baptism days, your Spirit does more than move; it dances! Help us feel your joy this day. Forgive us those times when we shade ourselves from your light. Forgive us for not finding more joy in our everyday moments. Forgive us for forgetting that we are all blessed children called to love, heal, empower and forgive. (silent prayer) AMEN**

Words of Assurance

Celebration of Baptism (see insert)

\* Hymn VU #371 – *“Open My Eyes”*

Children leave for Bible Adventures

## The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – James 3: 13-4: 7-8a

Mark 9: 30-37

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – *“Lessons for our children”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“Love Grows Here”*

## The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Outreach Council

Finance, Doug Waldron

\* Offering / Response (VU #538)

**For the gift of creation,  
The gift of love,  
And the gift of the Spirit  
By which we live,  
We thank you and give you  
The fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed  
By the gifts that we give.**

\* Hymn VU #507 – *“Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples”*

\* 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      Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister  
Luci Toews, Church Administrator      Laura Steidl, Music Director  
Myrna Hagues, Organist      Jessica Steidl & Alex Czehryn, Joyful Noise  
June Kaan, Liturgist      Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Anne Derksen and Bob Harrison

Greeters: Kim & Bruce Bateman