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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 Hymn VU #703 – *“In the Bulb There is a Flower”*

Call to Worship

One: We have come to praise God, the giver of all life.

All: We come to dedicate our lives to faithful living.

One: By our words and deeds we seek to follow the long line of disciples in every age.

All: Today we celebrate as our church family gets larger.

* Hymn MV #42 – *“Praise God for This Holy Ground”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of great wisdom, many of us are here because someone dared to share their trust in you with us. We saw in them what it looks like to be persistently good and unfailingly caring no matter the circumstances. Around them there was more joy, comfort and hope. We want that in our lives too. We want to feel whole and content. We want to imagine that our lives have meaning and purpose. We wish to make a difference. For this, we need the humility to listen and learn from one another. Forgive us when we presume to know who our greatest teachers will be. You have chosen unlikely people in every age to instill the profound lessons of life and faith. In your mercy, bless us that we will learn and teach as you call us. In all things, fill us with the Spirit of Christ who makes all blessings possible. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of Baptism (see insert)

* Hymn VU #373 – *“As Comes the Breath of Spring”*

(Children leave for Bible Adventures)

The Word

📖 Scripture Reading – Acts 9: 36-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “Peter starts his ministry with the UCW... and never looks back.”

Anthem – “A Song of Rejoicing”

The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Deanna Kernaghan

* Offering / Response

He is Lord, He is Lord,

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat)

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn MV #155 – *“Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God”*

Benediction / Response

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Office Administrator
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Doug Waldron, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Jessica Steidl & Alex Czehrryn, Joyful Noise
Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Bill Belsham and Bob Harrison

Greeters: Major Rodd and Dale Napper