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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 MV #1– “*Let Us Build a House*”

Call to Worship

One: Masters, two and more,

All: Competing for our money, clamoring for our time

One: Creating chaos in our lives.

All: Ever-loving God we listen for you this day,

One: Quiet us and draw us near.

All: Come, let us worship God.

- * Opening Hymn VU #374 – “*Come and Find the Quiet Centre*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Creator of the universe, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God. We will give thanks to you, with our whole hearts, for your glory is above the heavens; You raise the poor from the dust and lift the needy from the ash heap, transforming them with glory and honor; You bring fruitfulness from barrenness and give homes to the solitary; Who is like our God? God, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things; other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious and loving God, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. As we turn away from our distractions and sin, strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, so that we might truly follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Baptismal Liturgy (see insert)

- * Hymn VU #296 – “*This is God’s Wondrous World*”

The Word

- 📖 Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “And so we pray!”

Anthem – “Speak, O Lord”

The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Gwen Polak
Pat Lumsden

- * Offering / Response

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your 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 we give.**

The Lord’s Prayer (VU #960) / Pastoral Prayer

- * Closing Hymn VU #424 – “*May the God of Hope Go With Us*”

- * Benediction / Response (VU #298)

**When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
And with God’s humble care.**

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
Luci Toews, Office Administrator
Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care
Linda Stewart, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Gina Grant, Custodian

Ushers: Ken & Gail Paton
Greeters: Arline Young and Linda Smith