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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 VU # 671 – *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: In the midst of fear and anger; in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.

All: With everything else going on, who has time for a feast? We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.

One: In the midst of our anxiety, our worry; in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.

All: We are tempted to just grab a bite, a sandwich between errands, a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email, or working on today's big project.

One: The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!

All: We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy. How will we respond?

* Opening Hymn VU #220 – *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Through light and shadow I am led, I follow, through the ins and outs the ups and downs of these days, when my heart is failing, when my spirit rejoices, when I can barely put one foot in front of the other still you beckon me on...when I stumble you support me, when I can go no further you carry me, through light and shadow, in death's dark vale, and on the mountain peaks you lead me, through tangled webs, on rocky ground, on smoother paths, through light and shadow you lead me, I follow, may I never walk alone...Leading loving God, during those times when we do falter, when our steps become unsure and tentative, your love guides us on, always towards You, always towards Your Light. Thank you God for the love, compassion, patience and mercy you show us today and every day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon / Passing the Peace

* Hymn MV #95 – *“How Deep the Peace”*

Baptismal Liturgy (see insert)

The Word



Scripture Readings - Exodus 32:1-14

Matthew 22:1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflection – *“Who do we worship?”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“The Wedding Banquet”*

The Response

* Offering / Response (VU #544)

In gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best today.

To serve your cause and share your love

With all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us

In Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer -

* Closing Hymn VU #232 – *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”*

Benediction / Response (VU #227)

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God,

For the wonders that astound us,

For the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
Heather Karavas, Office Administrator
Paulette Cote, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director
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Welcome Ministry: Leo & Margaret Grandy, Derek Read