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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 #231- "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,
- All: but Christ who chose us,
- One: That we are not here because of our goodness,
- All: but because of Christ's grace,
- One: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
- All: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
- One: That we have not come to be entertained
- All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength
- Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him" (see insert)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Holy God, so far beyond us and yet so close, so much a part of us; thank you for the privilege of meeting together for worship. We know that we so often fall short of the dream you have for each one of us. We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind, nor have we loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have often not even loved ourselves but continue to waste in destructive ways, the days you have given us. How we need to reaffirm the love and the forgiveness, and the fresh chances you have given us in Jesus. Holy God, together we ask that you continue to challenge us, inspire us and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen. Hymn MV #95 – "How Deep the Peace"

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are forgiven. How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts are healed.

Baptismal Liturgy (see insert)

## The Word

 Scripture Readings - Deuteronomy 34: 5-12 Matthew 22: 34-40
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## THANKS BE TO GOD!

Sermon – "Beyond Atheism"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "A Place in the Valley"

## 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 – "Move in the World" – (see insert)

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.

Rev. Dr. Bob Galston, Minister Heather Karavas, Office Administrator Angie Moody, Liturgist Laura Steidl, Music Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian

Welcome Ministry: Sylvia Cassie, Debbie & Howard Ashdown

Assurance of Pardon / Passing the Peace