Heritage PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 22, 2025

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

 \Rightarrow = All who are able, please stand.

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we long for your presence,

you are there with us, O source of comfort.

So we come with songs and praises,

that all the ends of the earth and all peoples of all nations may know of your love.

Come, let us worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we segregate them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them. (a time for silent confession) Merciful God, forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

***AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: MARY ELLEN WELLER

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Mary Ellen by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ, and to be a faithful member of his church? The people respond: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** Let us pray: We give you thanks... ...glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, by your Spirit, open us to hear your word through these words written by our ancestors. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING THE VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP PARTICIPANTS

COMMISSIONING

COVENANT

Volunteers: We go to be present with one another and with those who host us.

All: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Volunteers: We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the lives of others.

All: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Volunteers: We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.

All: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Volunteers: We go so we can come back, empowered to work for a just world for all.

All: As you go, we go with you, awed by God's wonder, present with our prayers, changed by your commitment, and empowered to work together upon your return for a just world for all.

Sara: And may all God's people say: Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE....."I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" Carrie E. Rounsefell, Arr. by Larry Dalton

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