



Baptism Sunday

June 7, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....Sylvia Riggs

Sabbath Reflections

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

MARK 1:4-5, 9-11 (*pg 812*).....Bob Nutting

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Evelyn Bley ~ Grant Gonsalves ~ Alex Everett ~ Danny Mills*

*RENEWAL OF BAPTISM.....Mary Redmon

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of God’s love. Through baptism, we are joined to Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **THROUGH THE BIRTH, LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST, THE POWER OF SIN WAS BROKEN AND GOD’S KINGDOM ENTERED OUR WORLD.**

Leader: Through baptism, we are buried with Christ in His death. From it we are raised to share in His resurrection and are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **THEREFORE, IN JOYFUL DISCIPLESHIP TO JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF FAITH IN HIM. WE PRAY THAT ALL WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM MAY CONTINUE IN THE RISEN LIFE OF CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR. TO HIM, TO GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 75

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Abbie Kilburn

*INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

We praise You, God, for the mysteries of water; it blankets the earth with snowy peace, it cleanses the earth with rain, it flows in soft river currents, which join to the mighty ocean, it slakes our thirst and gives us life. And, we praise You, God, for Your Spirit, poured into our lives through baptism. Your Spirit refreshes us and is our provision through all of life’s desert regions. For this amazing gift of love, we thank You and pray in the name of Christ, whose baptism we share: *“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.”* Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (*pg 917*).....Romans 6:1-5

SOLO, *Allison Nutting* – Accompanied by *Emily Nutting*

SECOND READING (*pg 783*)Mark 1:1-11

CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM.....Mary Redmon

BAPTISMAL MESSAGE.....The Rev. Dr. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph. D.

“Dying and Rising with Christ”

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Kirk Talley

Surely the Presence

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, stewardship begins with our baptisms, that moment in which we say YES to You and YES to engaging in Your justice-making work on earth. Bless this moment of offering as another YES in our life-long stewardship journey with You. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528

Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 425 (vs. 1 & 2)

Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Redmon

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Bob Nutting

FIRST COMMUNION *Evelyn Bley ~ Grant Gonsalves ~ Alex Everett ~ Danny Mills*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Kirk Dearman

Commune with Me

The Lord’s Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 558**

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE.....Rob Roy Peery**

The Paestum

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth remain in church*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Mary Cornwell, Bubba Jenson, Mary Peris, Zach Lowman



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. See you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a loaf of homemade bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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