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Call to Worship

[Psalms 17:15](#)

[Scripture Songs | Sabrina Hew](#)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathered together as the Children of God, at this baptismal font we remember all that God has done for us:

When the flood waters subsided God said to Noah and his family:
**Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds I will see it and
remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living
creatures**

After God parted the waters of the Red Sea so Moses and his people
might cross to safety God commanded them: **Remember the
sabbath day by keeping it holy**

When God had provided water from a rock and manna from heaven, Moses said to his people: **Remember you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you**

When the criminal on the cross said to Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom, Jesus, the Living Water, said: **Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.**

As people baptized into Christ's death and resurrection God has made a new covenant with us promising: **I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.**

Whenever water and the Holy Spirit is poured out in this font we remember. **We remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Thanks be to God!**

Opening Hymn We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus WOV 698
We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death; that as Christ was raised victorious we might live a brand new life. And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning, from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of the Everlasting Covenant, as we gather to worship we remember your great love for us. Make us ever mindful of your

grace. Open us to your ways so that we might share with others the hope that comes from knowing Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song ["deep love of Jesus" \(Official Lyric Video\) - Hillside Recording & Christian Singleton](#)

Welcome the Word

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons blessed Trinity!

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:20-6:14

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death

he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Apostles' Creed/Bible Presentation

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offering Prayer

Generous God, as we place our offerings before you we remember your great faithfulness. Remind us that generosity is born out of trust. Use these gifts for the sake of a world who needs to know your love. Now make us ready to receive Christ at the table you have set before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

At this holy table generations of God's beloved have tasted and seen the Lord's goodness. They have remembered all those who have lived and died in the faith sustained by this holy meal. We remember the very first time it was shared. On the night Jesus was betrayed he gathered at a table with his disciples.

He took bread...

Remembering Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension we share this meal to sustain us in the life of faith until Jesus returns.

As we now prepare to receive this sacred bread and cup may the Holy Spirit be poured out, reminding us of God's grace and mercy as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together LBW 212

Let us break bread together on our knees

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees

Let us drink wine together on our knees

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees

Let us praise God together on our knees

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of mercy, in this holy meal we have tasted your goodness and been reminded of your grace. Satisfied and strengthened let us now live a life that remembers your everlasting love for us and the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing LBW 259

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing. Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each your love possessing triumph in redeeming
grace.

Oh refresh us, oh refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your Gospel joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful, to your truth may we be found.

Savior when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way.
Let no fear of death appall us glad your summons to obey. May we
ever, may we ever, reign with you in endless day.

Dismissal Remember we love because God first loved us. Now go in
peace. **Thanks be to God!**