



Congregation Reaffirmation Of The Baptismal Covenant
Faith United Methodist Church
September 26, 2021

Greeting

Hymn....."Baptized in Water".....See Insert

Gathering Prayer (Unison)

Spirit of the living God, your love falls fresh upon each of us as we gather to reaffirm the covenant made at our baptism. We have inherited this covenant from those who have gone on before us and have taught us the way of faith. Send your blessing of peace, love, and joy upon us this day as we renew our commitment to live out this covenant of faith. Empower us, by the gift and presence of your Holy Spirit, for living out our calling in your name. Amen

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17.....Edy Barber

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness."

So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Message....."Remember Your Baptism".....Pastor Carolyn

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of the Baptismal Covenant have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church

and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.]**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

This prayer is led by the pastor and joined by the people. It recalls scriptural images and meanings of Holy Baptism and is comparable to the Great Thanksgiving at Holy Communion. All may stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

****Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

****Declare Christ's works to the nations,**

his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

and by this gift of water call to our remembrance
the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For you have washed away our sins,

and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,

that dying and rising with Christ

we may share in his final victory.

****All praise to you, Eternal Father,**

through your Son Jesus Christ,

who with you and the Holy Spirit

lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Acts of reaffirmation are not acts of rebaptism. When the congregation reaffirms the Baptismal Covenant, a deacon or pastor may invite the people to come to the water as the pastor says:

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us.

As members of the body of Christ

and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church

by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,

our service and our witness

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The pastor addresses those reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Anthem....."Down To The River".....Faith Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

God of creation, we voice our thanks for all that you share with us. We thank you for creating and nurturing this bountiful earth. Especially this day, we thank you for gentle reminders of the covenant made at our baptism. Through our baptism, we are incorporated into your mighty acts of salvation and made a part of the body of Christ. May we strive to be holy and live out our baptismal faith guided by your love, washed of our sins, and embraced by your redeeming grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Benediction

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Foxdale Memory Care: Elaine Westrum

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Ken Garness and Family, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at faithwaseca@gmail.com by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167. **We also want to hear any joys you have so please email or call the church with any that you would like to share!**

The Hospitality team will be meeting September 27th at 10:00 am in the Gathering Room. Even if you have not been involved with the Hospitality group previously, we would love having you join us. It would be great to have more people share ideas on ways for Faith UMC to continue being a welcoming church.

UMW is sponsoring an "Autumn Fest Sale" on Saturday, October 16 from 8:00 – 2:00pm. We need great stuff to sell to support our missions. We need hand crafted items, garden items, household items, jewelry, knick knacks, toys, seasonal items, rustic stuff, tools, books, games, furniture, sporting goods, and anything gently used. **No clothing or appliances, please.** Items can be dropped off at church on Sundays or Tuesdays 10:00 – 12:00. Call for pick up.

We will also have cookie sale, bake sale, canned goods, and crafts on day of sale.

Thanks for your help.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/26/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

09/27/2021 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

09/28/2021 (Tues.) 7:30 pm - Church Council Meeting (**FH)

09/30/2021 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study (Gathering Room)
1:00 pm - Newsletter Folding

10/03/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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