

Service of Baptism – Camp Mennoscah – October 10, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

Call to Worship – VT 855

Leader: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,
before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

**People: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind,
or the passing shadow of a cloud.**

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill;
it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**People: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;
it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.**

All: Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.

Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise

Listen in the Silence – VT 541

Listen in the silence; listen in the noise; listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice.

Oceans – VT 456

1. You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the myst'ry, in oceans deep my faith will stand.

*Refrain: And I will call upon your name... and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace, for I am yours and you are mine.*

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed,
and you won't start now.

Bridge: Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. (2x, then to refrain)

Reflections on Baptism – Pastors Caleb and Lois

Celebration of Baptism

Timothy Schrag – Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ~Colossians 3:12 NIV

Mentor: Bryant Miller

Jacob Schrag – “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” ~Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Mentor: Ben Schrag

Caiden Duerksen – But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ~Titus 3:4-5 NRSV

Mentor: Weston Hiebert

Eddie Gaeddert – Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since

the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.’ The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ~2 Sam 7:8-12 NIV

Mentor: ElRoy Wiens

Congregational Covenant – VT 932

*As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church,
we make this covenant with you, and we renew our own covenant with God.*

*We pledge to bear each other’s burdens, to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions, to forgive as Christ has forgiven,
to support each other in times of joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus proclaiming the presence of Christ among us,
so that our lives may glorify God.*

*Holy Spirit, make us one body, part of the church worldwide,
united in its diversity, now and in every age. Amen.*

Receive Certificates of Baptism and Baptismal gifts

Songs of commitment and thanksgiving

From the Waters I Will Rise – VT 442

1. From the waters I will rise – I will rise and walk.
Wipe the water from my eyes – walk with me in Christ, walk with me.
2. From my kneeling I will stand – I will stand and sing.
Reach for me and take my hand – sing with me, walk with me.
3. From my wond’ring I will know – I will know and dream.
Sharing wisdom, we will grow – dream with me, dream with me.
4. From my death I’m born anew – born anew, I live.
Come and see what God will do – live with me in Christ, live with me in Christ.

Seek Ye First – VT 417

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Benediction

Song of Sending – Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we.
Let me live with my brother, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev’ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.