Welcome

Announcements

Prelude “Songe d’Enfant” J. Bonnet, 1910, Ed. Peggy Hoffmann

Call to Worship

One: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.
Many: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.
One: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.
Many: We will not fear, for God is with us!
One: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.
Many: Through God’s saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.
One: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God’s children.
Many: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

Hymn NCH 351 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Baptismal Covenant

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?
Parents: We do.
Pastor: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?
Parents: We will, with the help of God.
Pastor: Will you teach this child that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
Parents: We will, with the help of God.
Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ’s disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?
Parents: We promise, with the help of God.
Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help him to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ’s presence, by furthering Christ’s mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?
Parents: We promise, with the help of God

Congregational Assent

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Everett, as he lives and grows in Christ?
People: We promise our love, support, and care.
Prayer Over the Waters

Baptism of Everett Fawcett

Musical Offering  “Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”  W. Bradbury

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ is with you all!
And also with you.

Response  “Lord, Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary”
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for You. (repeat)

Reading  Mark 1: 9-11 | Mark 19: 13-15 (CEB)

Mark 1: 9-11 (CEB) About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

Mark 19: 13-15 (CEB) Some people brought children to Jesus so that he would place his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded them. “Allow the children to come to me,” Jesus said. “Don’t forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children.” Then he blessed the children and went away from there.

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon  Childlike faith  Rev. Lacey Brown

Prayers of the People

We conclude with the Lord’s Prayer:
Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

A message from Leslie Shaip.
Invitation to Give

- Text the amount of your donation, with one keyword, to 919-888-4541
  General – give to CUCC’s general fund
  Pledge – give toward your pledge
  CROP – give to CROP Walk
- You can give online at our website www.communityucc.org by simply clicking on Donate.
- Or you can always mail a check to our physical address: 814 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607

Offertory “Jesus Loves the Little Children” J. Root

Offering Response “Doxology” (Old Hundred)
  Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
  Praise God, all creatures here below,
  Praise God for all that Love has done
  Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Dedication of the Offering
  We give our offering hopefully,
  hoping that you can use these gifts
  hoping that these gifts can further your kingdom
  hoping that your kingdom will come.
  Your kingdom, your will be done,
  on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn TNBH “Through Waters Deep”

Benediction
  May the waters of God’s grace surround you and uphold you. May your baptisms strengthen you for the work ahead. And may the Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism fall upon your shoulders as you seek to do God’s will. Amen.

Postlude “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” J. Konig, 1738
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We thank all of those who created parts of today’s liturgy.

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Hymn

NCH 351 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Unison

1. I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2. When you found the won-der of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
3. In the mid-dle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
4. I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

G D G D7 G D
there when you are old. I re-joiced the day you
old, no longer young. I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re-joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G
were bap-tized, to see your life un-fold.
living God, to whom you now be-long.
through the night, complete what I've be-gun.
were bap-tized, to see your life un-fold. St. 4, end

G/B C G
I was there when you were but a child,
Should you find some-one to share your time
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in

Am D G G/B C
faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D
to beginning
wan-der off and find where de-mons dwell.
vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun.
al-ways been with just one more sur-prise.
Nothing can separate us from the deep, deep love of God.

1. In God's love:
2. If God's love:
3. God's love:

times of deepest sorrow, when all joy seems lost and gone,

God our judge is for us, then who can stand against?

Christ stays our true companion, we are never left alone.

Jesus laid his life down, our way to make amends.

love: the simple sunshine, God's love: our own heart beat.

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