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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message – Faith

Thanksgiving for Baptism

(Opening Liturgy adapted from UMPH Covenant Renewal Service)

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies which are ours through the promise-filled baptismal waters.

O God, our Covenant Friend,

you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.

We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends,

and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

You have been our light in the shadows and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness and unending mercy.

Your love bathed us in this life-giving water, sealed us by the Holy Spirit and marked us with the cross of Christ forever. For the baptismal covenant you made and kept and daily renew, we give thanks.

Opening Hymn Pups and All Cats (Earth and All Stars LBW 558)
Pups and all cats! Loud talking parrots! Sing to the Lord a new song! Snail, slug and worm! Loud cawing ravens! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things! I too sing praises with a new song! Lizards and frogs! Loud clanging bull elk! Sing to the Lord a new song! Salmon and carp! Loud roaring cougar! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things! I too sing praises with a new song! Horses and goats! Loud treading hamsters! Sing to the Lord a new song! Rooster and hen! Loud braying donkey! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things! I too sing praises with a new song! Persians and labs! Loud mooing jerseys! Sing to the Lord a new song! Garter and vole! Loud chirping cricket! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has

done marvelous things! I too sing praises with a new song!
Nuthatch and lark! Loud sounding seagull!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Bumble and fly! Loud praying mantis!
Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things!
I too sing praises with a new song!

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, Searcher of our hearts, you have established us as your people and sanctified us through baptism. As we gather to worship you and to enter anew into this everlasting covenant, remind us of your steadfast love for all humanity. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message – Rock Creek

Centering Song: [The Spirit of the Lord - Song by UK worship leader Graham Kendrick on Isaiah 61 - Lyric Video](#)

Welcome the Word

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins;

they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks; foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines, but you shall be called priests of the Lord; you shall be named ministers of our God;

you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their[a] shame was double and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known

among the nations and their offspring among the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth

brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Arise Your Light Has Come WOV 652

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;

show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today. Arise,

your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; Proclaim the

captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor. Arise, your light has

come! All you in sorrow born,

Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who
mourn. Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession **Hear us O God, Your mercy is great**

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat
With joyful lips, we sing to you our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord to share this Heavenly food
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat

Offering Prayer

God of all graces, we return with gratitude what you have first
given to us. Receive these offerings and do with them what you
will for the sake of the world. Ready us to receive mercy once again
as we gather at your table. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

You God are our covenant maker and promise keeper. Your deep love for all humanity made covenantal promises in the shape of rainbows and stone tablets, in parted waters and shepherd staffs. In a manger, on a cross, in bread and wine, and from an empty tomb your covenant with humanity endured. Jesus, the fulfillment of your sacred covenant, echoed this promise, when he took bread, broke it, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying, “take and eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper Jesus took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.” Remembering this new covenant made at a table and now set before us once again, we ask your blessing on this bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who through the power of the Holy Spirit, invites us to pray...

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God, the giver of all good things, in this sacred meal we have tasted your promises. Now may we be strengthened to live as your faithful people until we finally meet you face to face. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Everlasting Covenant, we pray. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Go To The World ACS 991

Look who gathers at Christ’s table, hear the stories that they bring, some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they’re invited, burdened by the wrong they’ve done. Christ insists they all are welcome, there is room for

everyone. Clouds of light surround the table, ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light. Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways but they share one thing in common they all end in thanks and praise. For the host who has invited, north and south and east and west to converge around this table where all life is fed and blest. Bring your joy and bring your sadness and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it, truth and manna from above, and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Dismissal Go in peace trusting in the God who keep promises.
Thanks be to God!