

Sunday, May 3— 8:45 Worship Guide

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM — *Congregation responds with words in **bold***

All are invited to prepare a bowl with water for the remembrance of baptism.

When life sprung forth
from the creating voice of God
it was sustained and surrounded by water.

The waters brought forth living creatures of every kind.

The garden that God provided
for our first parents - made in God's image,
was watered by rivers of life.

You lead us by still waters.

But water can overwhelm;
Wind and wave know no boundaries.
The storms of springtime can flood and destroy.

By your word you still the storm -

Wind and wave obey You.

Water can be a barrier to freedom;
your people trembled at the edge of the sea
with the armies of Pharaoh closing in.

You opened a way through the water;

Your people crossed on dry land.

In the desert your people thirsted.

In a dry and weary wilderness
our mouths are parched, we are dried up.

**You provide water from the rock,
life for thirsty pilgrims.**

In the waters of the Jordan Naaman found healing from leprous skin.

Our hands are raw from washing
against the threat of an unseen virus.

By water you cleanse us and heal us.

Remind us, O God with each visit to the sink
that you wash away the power of sin
by the promise of resurrection life.

We are your children by water and the Word.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace and love.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All are invited to remember their baptism by dipping a finger in the water and tracing the sign of the cross on their own forehead - or on one another - with these or similar words:

We are children of God, washed in the water!

SONG —Gather Us In, Verses 1-3



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Robin Patras, Director of Children's Ministry

READING — 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

A reading from 1 Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SONG DURING PRAYER — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER — *In Unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

