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**REFLECTIONS**

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**Infant Baptism: Questions for Parents and Congregation**

1. Do you acknowledge that your child needs to be cleansed by the blood of Christ, and to be renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. God promises that anyone who trusts in Christ will be his child forever, and through Christ he promises to be “your God and the God of your descendants after you.” (Genesis 17:7) Do you claim these covenant promises on behalf of your child, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now, without any reservation, dedicate your child to God, and do you promise, humbly relying on God’s grace, that you will strive to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will instruct them in the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and that you will make every effort to teach them to honor and love the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation commit to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

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## GATHERING

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*Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

### Call to Worship

**Psalm 46:1-3,11 NIV**  
**Rev. Andrew Flatgard**

Leader:

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

All:

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Leader:

*though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

All:

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our fortress.

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### Prayer of Adoration

#### Recognition of Janet Eason

**Dr. Jimmy Agan**

#### Apostles' Creed

Leader:

*Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?*

People:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;

Leader:

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord?*

People:

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.  
The third day he arose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader:

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

People:

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. Amen.

\* that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Mary Hazel Stechmesser

### **Children's Worship:**

Parents who wish may send children grades K5-3<sup>rd</sup> to meet leaders in the Lobby. Children will return to their families following Communion, through the side doors to your right.

*I Am the Lord (Isaiah 43)*

### **Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 25:8 ESV**

*He will swallow up death forever;  
and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.*

*My Soul Cries Out*

### **Prayer for Christ's Church and the World**

**1 Peter 4:7, NIV**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

### **The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.*

### **Worship through Giving**

**Psalms 62:5-6 NIV**

*I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)*

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## **THE WORD**

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### **Scripture Reading**

**Micah 3, ESV**

Reader: Lilyc Lau  
And I said:  
Hear, you heads of Jacob  
and rulers of the house of Israel!  
Is it not for you to know justice?—  
<sup>2</sup> you who hate the good and love the evil,  
who tear the skin from off my people

and their flesh from off their bones,  
<sup>3</sup>who eat the flesh of my people,  
and flay their skin from off them,  
and break their bones in pieces  
and chop them up like meat in a pot,  
like flesh in a cauldron.  
<sup>4</sup>Then they will cry to the LORD,  
but he will not answer them;  
he will hide his face from them at that time,  
because they have made their deeds evil.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets  
who lead my people astray,  
who cry "Peace"  
when they have something to eat,  
but declare war against him  
who puts nothing into their mouths.  
<sup>6</sup>Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,  
and darkness to you, without divination.  
The sun shall go down on the prophets,  
and the day shall be black over them;  
<sup>7</sup>the seers shall be disgraced,  
and the diviners put to shame;  
they shall all cover their lips,  
for there is no answer from God.  
<sup>8</sup>But as for me, I am filled with power,  
with the Spirit of the Lord,  
and with justice and might,  
to declare to Jacob his transgression  
and to Israel his sin.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

**Rev. Stephen Yates**

**"Though I Have Fallen, I Will Rise":  
Micah's Vision of Dehumanizing Leadership**

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**SENDING**

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*Psalm 126*

**Benediction**

**Numbers 6:24-26, NIV**

*Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration*