

## GREETING

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today it is our joy to celebrate a reaffirmation  
of the baptismal covenant.

Baptism is God's gift to us, a sacrament of God's grace,  
a means by which we are adopted as sons and daughters  
into God's family and become members of Christ's Body,  
the Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation  
and given new birth through water and the Holy Spirit.  
Through the baptismal waters poured over us,  
the Holy Spirit immerses us with God's gifts  
from the streams of God's saving power and generous love.  
The Spirit cleanses us from sin, calls forth a new birth,  
newness of life,  
and growth in faith and transformation of heart and life.  
All this is a gift from a generous, loving God.

Today, in the presence of God  
and in fellowship of God's people,  
we come again to the graceful waters,  
to remember the grace declared at our baptism,  
to renew our baptismal covenant with Christ  
who has raised us,  
the Spirit who has given us newness of life,  
and the Father who makes all things new.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN & PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn from sin to embrace God by faith?

**I do.**

Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you promise to love and serve Christ as Lord forever?

**I do.**

Do you pledge to represent Christ in the world?

**I do.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH      *"I Believe in Jesus"*

**I believe in Jesus.**

**I believe He is the Son of God.**

**I believe He died and rose again.**

**I believe He paid for us all.**

**And I believe that He's here now,  
standing in our midst.**

**Here with the power to heal now  
and the grace to forgive.**

**I believe in You, Lord.**

**I believe You are the Son of God.**

**I believe You died and rose again.**

**I believe You paid for us all.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Eternal Father: when nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah,

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,

You led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus,

nurtured in the water of Mary's womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death  
and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
and by this gift of water call to our remembrance  
the grace declared in our baptism.  
For in Christ, You have washed away our sins,  
and you have clothed us with righteousness  
throughout our lives,  
that dying and being raised with Christ,  
we may share in his final victory.  
All praise to You, Eternal Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

#### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Remember that you are baptized, be thankful, and rejoice!  
**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

#### CLOSING PRAYER

**Lord, we give thanks for all that you have given us  
in Jesus Christ.  
May the renewal of our baptismal covenant strengthen us  
for the journey of faith,  
that we may be engaged in the ministries of the church  
by a life of fervent prayer,  
consistent presence at corporate worship,  
the discipline of giving first to God,  
an investment of our gifts in Christ's service,  
and a vital witness to the grace we have known in Christ.  
In each of our lives and in our life together,  
may God be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *An Order for A Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant*



*Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
Sunday, January 13, 2019*

*Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church  
Faribault, Minnesota*