



Sacrament of Holy Baptism
United Methodist Church in Wayne

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INTRODUCTION

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church, puts us on the stage of God's saving drama, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit. So, come to the water -- water poured over and immersing us, water flowing freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the waters, to baptize a child, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Pastor Ninabeth: I present Rayna Barnes
daughter of Sam and Erika Barnes
goddaughter of Amanda Williamson and Nicholas Wachter
to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor Ninabeth: Do you Erika and Sam desire that Rayna be baptized?

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor Ninabeth: And so I ask everyone present, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

ALL: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, And repent of our sin!

Pastor Ninabeth: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

ALL: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Pastor Ninabeth: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

ALL: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

PARENTS' AND GODPARENTS' VOW

Pastor: Will you Sam and Erika and Nicholas and Amanda nurture Rayna in Christ's holy church?

CONGREGATION'S VOW

Pastor: Will everyone present in this place be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

ALL: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include Rayna in your care?

**ALL: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ.
We will embody faith, hope and love so that Rayna will learn to trust God and live Love's service in the world.
We will pray for her on her journey of discipleship among us.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ONE: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

ALL: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

ONE: Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting. Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God! But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

ALL: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

ONE: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

ALL: Come upon us, Holy Spirit! Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Glory to you! Jesus Christ, Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM

Rayna, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Pastor: Let your light shine so that Rayna, seeing your good works, may glorify God in heaven.

Let us welcome our new sister in Christ. Child of God by water and the Spirit.

Congregation: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the Christ's church.