

Seventh Sunday of Easter
March 16, 2021
Baptism of Adalyn Jane Clancy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bless this Child, Dear Lord (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The love of God be with.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Once again, God offers us an hour of special opportunity.

Congregation: We are in the presence of an amazing grace.

Pastor: We have been called together by Jesus of Nazareth.

Congregation: Jesus is the Host in this house of prayer.

Pastor: Here, all distinctions of age, race, sex, or class mean nothing.

Congregation: Here, our oneness in the Spirit means everything.

Pastor: Here, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey...

Congregation: In Christ, all are welcome here.

HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

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CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Romans 3:23)

Pastor: We acknowledge, in the words of the hymn we just sang, that all of us "wonder off and find where demons dwell." In other words, "All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." With confidence in God's steadfast love and mercy, in silence, let us each confess of our sin.

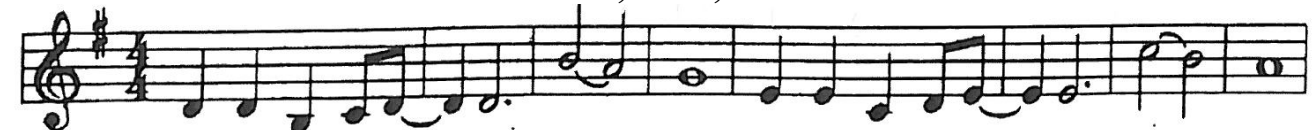
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

Pastor: The love of Christ Jesus is patient and kind. His love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. His love will never end. Friends in Christ, rest secure in the saving love of God - our sins are forgiven, and our guilt is wiped away.

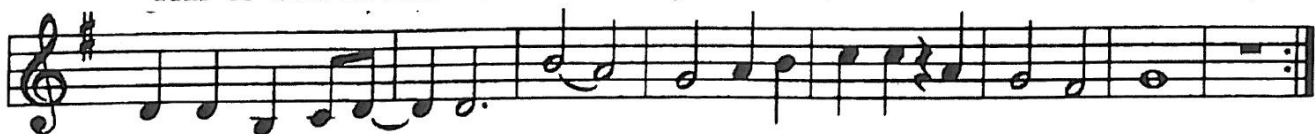
All: Our highest hopes are restored. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halle



Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.



Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:9-13

GOSPEL READING

John 17:6-19

SERMON & PRAYER

Rev. Laura C. Bair

ANTHEM

Statement of Faith

Dr. Troy Winemiller, Vocal Solo

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WELCOME

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples scolded them. But when Jesus saw their behavior, he was angry, and said to them:

Congregation: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a little child shall not enter it."

Pastor: Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

ADDRESS

Pastor: The Sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the Gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

Congregation: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and are made one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

INVITATION

Pastor: Ady, do you desire to be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Will you refuse the powers of evil and receive the new life Jesus offers you?

Candidate: I will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Emily, will you teach this child that she may be led to profess Jesus Christ as her Lord Savior?

Parent: I will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that she may affirm her baptism?

Parent: I do, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that she may affirm her baptism?

Godparents: We do, with the help of God.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Will all present and who are able to stand, please do so. Jesus Christ calls the church to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized?

Congregation: We promise our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the Triune God. Do you believe in God?

All People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Pastor: We thank you God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan River to enter the Promised Land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING OF WATER

Pastor: Bless by your Holy Spirit, Gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that she may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, who is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

Pastor: By what name will your child be called?

Parents: Adalyn Jane Clancy.

Pastor: Adalyn Jane Clancy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit be upon you child of God, disciple of Christ, and member of the Church.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME of ADALYN JANE CLANCY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Pastor: God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos and Jesus embraces all who come seeking. We follow Jesus with our baptism, marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being. We join Jesus in love and service. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to see, feel, and hear once again the vows of baptism.

VOWS OF RENEWAL

Pastor: Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your baptism?

Congregation: I do.

Pastor: Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

Congregation: I do.

Pastor: Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

Congregation: I do

Pastor: Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

Congregation: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

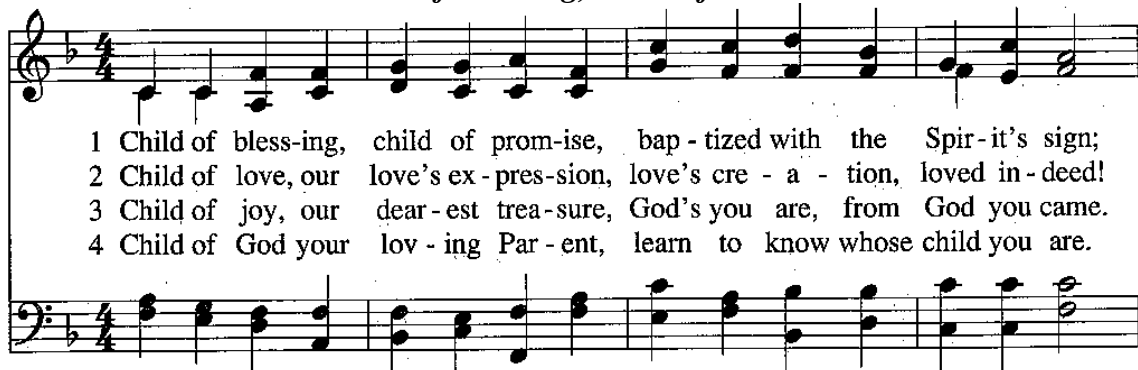
Congregation: I do.

Pastor: In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may *begin again* your Christian faith and life.

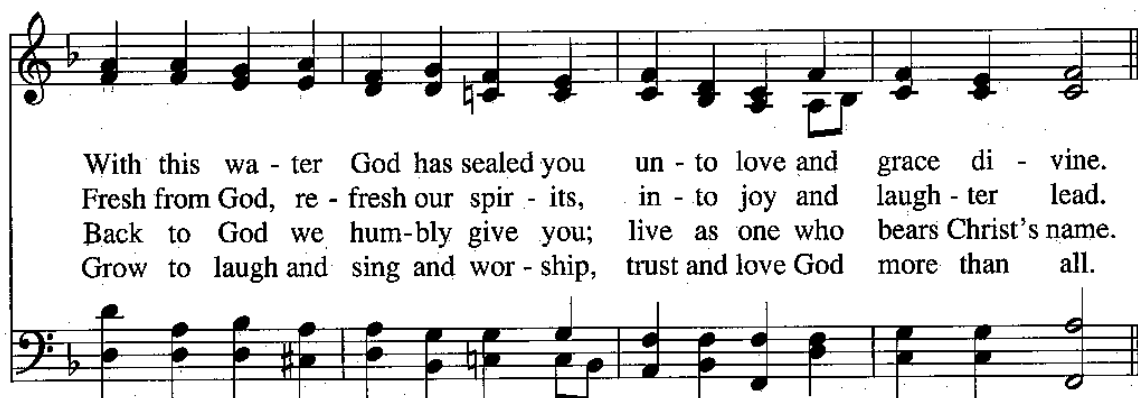
All: O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Establish us to be places of refreshment. Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

OFFERING INVITATION

Pastor: Guide guides us with one word: love. Love for God; love for one another. We don't just talk about love here at Starview United Church of Christ, we bring it to life in our ministry: we offer hospitality, we build community, we act in compassion, we do justice work, and in all these things we love God and we offer love to our neighbors and one another. That is what our ministry and gifts are about - and all of it hangs on love. Let us pause for a moment to consider what we will give and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of every good gift, here we present our offerings. There is money here, fulfilling our pledges to support the ministries we do in your name. There are talents and spiritual gifts, not physically on this wooden altar, but held in the altar of our hearts. God, we offer them all to you. We ask your blessing on all that we give, so that your loving care reaches into us and out to all the world, even more deeply and gracefully than before. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN

Revive Us Again

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: God's holds us. Christ inspires us. The Spirit strengthens us.
Revived in the baptismal waters – it is now time for us to go forth!
Joyfully, may we serve and bless others as we have been blessed!

All people: Amen!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Water of Baptism (Marks)

Revive Us Again

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I have heard ... of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day — Habakkuk 3:2 NIV

1. We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,
 2. We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir - it of light,
 3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
 4. Re - vive us a - gain; fill each heart with Thy love;

For Je - sus who died, and is now gone a - bove.
 Who hath shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.
 Who hath borne all our sins, and hath cleans'd ev - 'ry stain.
 May each soul be re - kin - died with fire from a - bove.

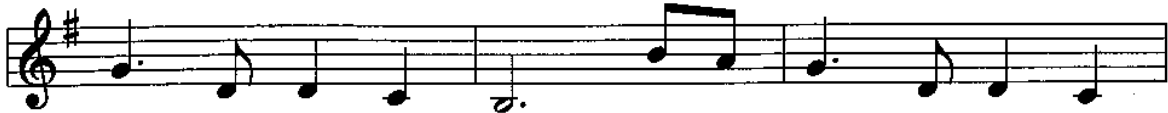
Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Re - vive us a - gain.

I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



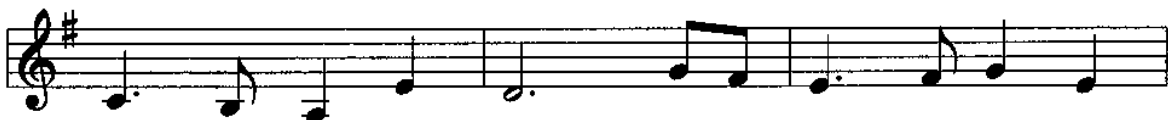
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some-one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.