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“If This Man were not From God, He Could Do Nothing!”

LORD, I BELIEVE

Gathering Music

Welcome & Greeting

Let us praise God

who meets our needs

and leads us to places

of tranquility and rest.

Let us praise God

who comforts us

and replaces our fears

with overflowing love.

Shepherd God, we praise you for enfolding us in your great love.

We rejoice in the knowledge that your care for us is so great that we lack nothing.

You provide for all our needs, even the strength to cope in times of darkness and distress.

The depth of your care for us is revealed in the person of Jesus, who was prepared to go to the cross to prove that your goodness and mercy is more powerful than evil and death.

In response to these many blessings, we have gathered together in this, your house, praying that this time of worship will be a fitting response to the many blessings we receive from you.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Songs of Praise

We Are Called

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Come, live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

***We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.***

Refrain: We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God.

*Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain*

*Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain*

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerkson

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*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.*

*One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.
(Repeat all)*

*One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.*

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come. Come. Come.*

Confessing Our Sin

Jesus, servant King and Light of the world you penetrate the darkness of the world with your love and your life, graciously enlightening us in ways which enable us to see the world and our neighbors as you see them. We confess, however, that there are times when we choose to reject the gift of your insight, preferring to 'close our eyes' to the pain and suffering which are daily experiences for so many people.

When selfishness blinds us to the needs of others;

Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

When our insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we cause others;

Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

When our prejudices blind us to the equal dignity and worth of others;

Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

When our pride blinds us to our own faults;

Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

When the lure of materialism blinds us to the poverty of others;

Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Jesus, Light of the world, help us to walk in your light so that goodness, righteousness, and truth are made visible as we reflect your love and your mercy in and through all we say and do.

Amen

Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News

Hear the good news! "Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light". Know that we can "live as children of the light" because in Jesus, Light of the world, we are enlightened; we are healed; we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Song

Children of the Heavenly Father

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**Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

WE BAPTIZE

Vaeda Jane Egesdal

Presentation and Promises

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Vaeda Jane baptized into Christ?

Parents/Sponsors: We do.

Parents, as you bring her to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Vaeda Jane* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
We do.

***Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

***Baptismal (Apostles') Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 at the Font

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Vaeda Jane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Vaeda Jane* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Vaeda Jane, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

(The pastor, after dipping his hand in the baptismal waters, makes the sign of the cross on the child's forehead.)

Congregational Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

(A candle is lit from the Christ Candle and given to the parents as a symbol of Jesus Christ - the Light of the World, and as a reminder that they are responsible for sharing Jesus Christ with their child.)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Sharing the Peace

Thought for the Day

Drama

“Extra Innings”

Scripture

John 9:1-41

Children's Time

Message

Pastor Bill Peters

Song

In Christ Alone

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*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.

Lord, Listen to Your Children

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Sharing of Gifts

"We Are An Offering" – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.

Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus' name and believe in his "real presence" in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a "walk-thru" style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.

Communion Songs

I Come to the Cross

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*I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross where you died in my place
Out of my weakness and into Your strength
Humbly I come to the cross*

*Your arms are open You call me by name
You welcome this child that was lost
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Jesus I come to the cross*

(Repeat all)

Open Our Eyes

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*Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus;
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.*

*Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

Sanctuary

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*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

Blessing

Sending Music

Go Light Your World

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*There is a candle in every soul, Some burning brightly, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire, Ignites a candle and makes His home.*

*Chorus: Carry your candle, runt to the darkness, Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it, Take your candle, and go light your world.
Take your candle, and go light your world.*

*Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to, Still holds a candle without a flame. Chorus*

*We are a family whose hearts are blazing. Let's raise our candles light up the sky!
Pray to our Father in the name of Jesus; Make us a beacon in darkest times. Chorus*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thank be to God

**“ONE THING I DO KNOW,
THAT THOUGH I WAS BLIND NOW I SEE!”**