

Thanksgiving of Baptism

This morning as we commemorate the baptism of our Lord, we also give thanks to God for the gift of our baptisms. We pour water into the font as a reminder of God's grace, God's claim on us, and God's forgiveness offered to us through Christ.

If you aren't baptized and would like to talk more about it, please come and see Pastor Amanda or Pastor Jennifer. We would love to speak more with you about baptism and joining this community of faith.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

1) Which commandment is the greatest of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul
–and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

2) Do you renounce the ways of sin – the things that separate you from the love of God?

We renounce them.

3) Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

We do.

On the way out of today's service, please feel free to take a clear stone from the baptismal font in the back of the sanctuary and as you run your hands through the water, place them on your head and remember your baptism. Remember that you're a beloved child of God!

"Water Has Held Us"

"Water has held us, moved by creation.

Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.

Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,

Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

Water has saved us, as the sea parted

For Israel's children, walled on each side.

This love has led us, helped us in trouble,

On far horizon, God's cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness,

Has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.

Jordan's strong currents God's Son announcing,

Made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,

Showing an inward, spiritual grace.

Into God's family we have been welcomed.

As sons and daughters, we take our place."

This hymn recounting the significance of water in the biblical narrative has text by R. Deane Postelthwaite (1978). The melody, BUNESSAN, is more commonly known as the tune for "Morning Has Broken."