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Sunday, May 8, 2016, 10:00am
Theme: Wicked Faith & Mother's Day

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Good Mother – by Jann Arden*

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

CHRIST CANDLE, SILENCE, & TONE BOWL

INTROIT: *Come All You People (Projected)*

MV#2

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Responsive, Projected*)

Leader: (placing a lantern on the table) Jesus said, "I am the bright morning star" that enables you to defy gravity. Come, friends...

All: come to the light of transformation.

Leader: (pouring water from a pitcher into a bowl.) Jesus calls all who are thirsty...

All: come to the waters of life and celebrate deep relationship.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison, Projected*)

Loving and gracious God, you call us to this place and time that we might worship you, that we might sense your presence in our lives, and that our experience might help build relationship. Help us pay attention to that which really matters. Help us build strong,

meaningful relationships and help us to defy the gravity of other people's expectations. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: *Please see insert*
Isla James Scott; daughter of Stacey and Michael Scott

✠HYMN: *I Have Called You by Your Name (Projected)* **MV#161**

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

Open Minds

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Youth Choir – “One Short Day” and “Popular” from “Wicked” – by Schwartz; arr. by Huff*

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 16:16-34 (NRSV)*
Scripture Reader: Jan Mingo

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Youth Choir – “For Good” and “Defying Gravity” from “Wicked” – by Schwartz; arr. by Huff*

THE MESSAGE: *“Wicked Faith”*

Open Hands

✠HYMN: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines (Projected)* **VU#138**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *A Call for Peace and Prayer*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS *(Leader)*

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.
(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

‡OFFERTORY: *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving (Projected)* **MV#185**

‡OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison, Projected*)

Loving God, you invite all who are thirsty to come risk expressing a wicked faith that defies the gravity of contrived boundaries. Use our gifts, our time, our talents, to spread that good news, that all who are thirsty – for justice, for new life, for another chance, for a glimpse of hope – may find it. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Don't Be Afraid (Projected)*

MV#90

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

‡COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: (*Leader*)

‡HYMN: *We Are Marching (Projected)*

VU#646

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Bob, Rev. Tracy, Kari Orosz, The Youth Choir, Jan Mingo, Greg Hyatt, John Robertson, Pat & Stu Robbins, Cathy Rivard, Dalton Hart, Andrew Taylor-Kerr, Kristin Raugust.

*The Sacrament of
Holy Baptism*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into his community, we celebrate the presence of children within this community of faith and offer to children the sacrament of baptism.

As we invite Isla and her parents to come forward to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we acknowledge the religious traditions they bring with them. Finding a path between the traditions of infant baptism and the personal profession of faith at confirmation in The United Church of Canada affords a unique opportunity to identify the particular faith being expressed here this day.

Questions of the Parents/Family

Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian community?

Will you encourage your child to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with her God?

Will you foster for your child an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus?

Will you teach your child to honour the faith questions that belong to her throughout her life?

Will you journey with your child to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day and to be part of a faith community?

Congregational Assent

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.

The gospels testify that all people are invited to accept God, the God who has already accepted us. We only need to accept that we are accepted.

All: So, we, the members of God's beloved community, proclaim that same witness. Isla, the same God who has claimed every person as a beloved child, also proclaims that you are a beloved child.

As a community, do you vow to support them in their promises?

All: We do, with the help of God. We also promise to walk with Isla on her spiritual journey. On this holy adventure with God, we will celebrate our beloved kinship, live out God's vision for the world, and embody God's Kin-dom.

Baptismal Prayer

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and 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 Moses, your people of Israel passed through the Red Sea from slavery into freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land. You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, and became living water to a woman Samaritan at the well. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth to baptize with water and spirit. Bless, by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. Bless all who touch and taste this water that they may be ever reminded of your abiding presence and claim on their lives. Amen.

Baptism

One: Isla James Scott, we baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who reveals the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The God of new life, new hope, and new creation. The God of love, justice, and mutuality shown to us in Jesus, and the Spirit of God who is in your past, present, and future. Amen!

All: Isla, you are a beloved child of God, with whom God is well pleased. Amen!