

Congregational Commitment

Minister: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations & to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness & celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support & care to this child about to be baptized, as she lives & grows in Christ?

People: We do, by the grace of God.

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God;
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

The Act of Baptism

Minister: What is the name of your child?

Minister: **Neriah Joshua**, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all, be with you today and always.

People: Amen.

Declaration and Welcome

Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, Neriah has been received into the holy Catholic Church, the body of Christ in the world. Let us join together in greeting... the newest member of our family.

Presentation of Symbols and Certificates from Minister, Worship Committee & Youth

Neriah, take this prayer shawl as a reminder that you are forever wrapped in God's love and always in our prayers.

Neriah, take this candle as a reminder to let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give Glory to God.

Neriah, take this book as a reminder that the Word of God is always with you and will guide you on your way.

Blessing

Minister: Neriah, the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you.

People: Amen.

Growing in Faith

Solo: *Silent Night*

Riley Cogswell

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Luke 1:26-38

For the word of God in scripture, among us and within us...

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music: *Baby in the Straw*

Barbara Pate

Reflection: Saying Yes

Rev. Sean Handcock

Prayers of the People

We Journey Forth

Hymn: VU #47 *Still, Still, Still*

Commissioning & Benediction

Song of Dismissal VU 7 verse 4

Love is a flame that burns in our hearts,

Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

***The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.***

Postlude