

Gathering Music
Our Great Band

Greeting and Announcements
Rev. Ken Heintzelman

The word "Welcome" is written in a large, elegant, blue cursive font. The letters are interconnected, with a prominent 'W' and a long, flowing 'e' that extends to the right. The overall style is classic and decorative.

The Gathering of Spirits With Song

We Are Family by Ray Repp

Chorus

**We are the family and we are the home,
We are the mountain where love can be known.
We are the voices and we are the hands
For bringing peace to our land.**

(Repeat)

1. And in our family all are welcome,
Doesn't matter who you are,
In our home there's always room
So plan to stay.
On our mountain where we labor
There's much work that's left to do,
And your talents would be helpful if you stay.

Chorus

2. And in our family ev'ry nation,
Ev'ry planet, ev'ry race,
Ev'ryone is always welcome to our home.
And with our voices let us tell you
That we mean just what we say,
And with our hands united, let us pray.

Chorus

Here All Belong" (Tune: 'Here I am Lord')

Truth be told, we're not alone:
we have built ourselves a home;
built it large, and built it free –
love is our goal.

We, a home for anyone,
creed or custom, barring none.
This, a place where love can grow –
here all belong.

Refrain:

***May we find here, what we're seeking.
May we share the strength to carry on.
May the love here do the healing,
lift our hearts, and make us all as one.***

Truth be told, we cannot be
whole without diversity.
Many different voices raised
create the song.

Whether brown or black or white,
all together, we are light;
any-gendered, any-loved –
here all belong.

Refrain:



The Feeding of Spirits with a Word about Life

Centering Prayer by Michael Curry

O Source of life and love,
We are torn by desires to sit back
and to enjoy the beauty of the world —
to savor the blue skies and gentle days —
and by desires to recast the world and to fight its evils —
to save the world...

We are torn by all those things that hurt and confuse
and make no sense amid beauty —
yet supported by all those things that heal and hold us —
smiles, kisses, mountain vistas, gentle waves, and warm words...

We live in mystery.

We live torn apart at times -
so much glory -
so much pain.

We live in faith —
faith in ourselves and each other —
faith that we can create bonds of the spirit
that proclaim we are not alone.

We have much health within us;
we can live through the heartache to new life.
So, for the grace of the world
and all the tumble, too,
this day we give thanks with music and song.

Special Music by Our Great Band

The Sharing of Spirits **Through Our Gifts and Celebrations**

One: Let us take the time to celebrate each other.

All: Let us take the time to celebrate life and love.

Celebrations and Celebration Song

Alellu! Alellu! Everybody sing Allelu
For the Lord has risen it is true,
Everybody sing Alellu!

Now we too can live anew, Alellu, Alellu!
Live in Love need all we do. Alelluia!

Alellu! Alellu! Everybody sing Allelu
For the Lord has risen it is true,
Everybody sing Alellu!

Celebrating Belonging: The Sacrament of Baptism

Ryker Douglas McWhorter, Born August 23, 2018

Introduction

Baptism is the church's way of celebrating and naming the grace of God living in every person. It is the way we enfold new people into the life of the universal community of faith. And it marks the entry point into the life-time pilgrimage of following in the Way of Jesus. It is one of the ways we live out our Covenant. In baptism the uniqueness and greatness of every life is radically affirmed. In the spirit of celebration, I invite Ryker and his family to join me for the blessing of baptism.

Baptism Vows

Katelynn and Douglas, family and friends; I ask you now to respond to God's graciousness and life's promise to you by making your vows:

Will you do your best to make your home a welcoming home of love and trust?

With God's help, we will.

Will you commit yourselves to help Ryker grow in understanding and appreciation of a broad and inclusive spirituality?

With God's help, we will.

Will you strive to encourage Ryker to reach out to all people with love and compassion?

With God's help, we will.

Will you do everything possible to ensure that Ryker is nurtured in faith so his trust in life and love is healthy and strong?

We will.

Act of Baptism

Ryker Douglas McWhorter,
in the touch of this water,
the ancient symbol of new life,
I baptize you into the love,
service and joy of God:
Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit...
Source of Life, Companion,
and Enlivener.



Congregation's Statement of Support

We stand as witnesses to the commitment made to and for Ryker this day. We pledge ourselves to you for spiritual support and care as he and his family discover the ways the Spirit unfolds for them.

Baptismal Prayer

Bless this newly baptized human being. May he always know that the Source of all Love lives and comes to unique expression in him. **Amen.**

Bless these faithful people as the new spiritual family for Ryker. May we all live in love and may we continue to draw encouragement from the faith which connects our loving with the mystery we call 'God'. **Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the
Spirit of Life and Love!
Let us shout joyfully to
the Rock of our salvation!



Hold On to the Rock by Pepper Choplin

This Is Me by Benj Pasek

Will the Circle Be Unbroken, Music Traditional Appalachian

Giving Thanks with Our Offering

Music: Our Great Band

Led by Michael Curry

We give these gifts as an act of celebration. And we celebrate our own new life, and the worldwide proclamation of the good news to all people, everywhere.

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

Words for Mission

One: Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world...

All: Amen. May it be so.

One: These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All Creation is blessed.

All: May we love all and serve all.

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sing Your Way Home by Joseph M. Martin

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