

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Please turn to your neighbor and exchange
the greeting of peace.*

*** Gathering Music #332** “Live into Hope”

Truro

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
You teach the morning to waken the earth.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
The poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last for ever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

WE PRAISE GOD

*** Hymn of Praise #379**

Solid Rock

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, we find ourselves once again in need of your cleansing
grace. We wallow in the mud of our own comfort, paralyzed by fear
of change. Pour out your mercy upon us. Wash away the layers upon
layers of systematic sin, that we might feel the renewing breath of
your Spirit and follow where you lead.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

The Word Spoken

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Romans 8:18-25

Anthem “River Lullaby”

Pew Bible, NT, Page 158

Stephen Schwartz

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Pew Bible, OT, Page 49

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Out of the Water” Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one
Spirit.**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Profession of Faith

Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal
of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ.
Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin
was broken and God’s kingdom entered our world.

Through our baptism we were made citizens of God’s kingdom, and freed
from the bondage of sin.

Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the
promises made at our baptism.

I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ
Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were
baptized.

Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his
love?

I will, with God’s help.

***Affirmation of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”** *Page 14, Traditional*
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And
in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen*

Invitation to Renewing Waters

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks in countless ways you have
revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your
grace.

We praise you that through the waters of the sea you led your people Israel
out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the
waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the
bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all
truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to
all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we
are born anew by your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to
do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with
you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

*You are invited to come forward to receive a baptismal blessing. If you are
not able to come forward, we will come to your seat.*

***Hymn #494** “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

Rustington

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of the People

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

