

Contemporary Order of Worship
 January 21, 2024
 Worship Series: Bread, Bath, and Beyond
 Message: Beyond Belief

Gathering *Raise a Hallelujah* Praise Band
Here I Am to Worship

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

*Centering Song *Take My Life* Praise Band

*Prayer
 Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God Beyond our Knowing
 and yet right here in our midst,
 grow us beyond our narrow beliefs
 into Your expansive vision for our future.
 Guide us, Holy Spirit,
 Nudge us, Teacher Jesus.
 Love us, Holy One. AMEN.**

Service of Baptism Mackenzie Ann Aikman

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
 reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this
 child before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News
 and live according to the example of Christ.
 We will surround Macky
 with a community of love and forgiveness,
 that her may grow in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her
that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to eternal life.**

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Mackenzie

you saved those on the ark through water.
 After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
 When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
 you led them to freedom through the sea.
 Their children you brought through the Jordan
 to the land which you promised.

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
 nurtured in the water of a womb.
 He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
 He called his disciples
 to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
 and to make disciples of all nations.

**People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
 his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
 to bless this gift of water and she who receives it,
 to wash away her sin
 and clothe her in righteousness
 throughout her life,
 that, dying and being raised with Christ,
 she may share in His final victory.

**People: All praise to You, Eternal Father,
 through Your Son Jesus Christ,
 who with You and the Holy Spirit
 lives and reigns forever. AMEN.**

Baptism of Mackenzie

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome
 our new sister in Christ.

**People: Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ**

Children's Moment

Prayers of People

Linda Biscardo

The Lord's Prayer

Sarah Chambers

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

Offering Song Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are) Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading John 1:43-51 Allie Adams

Message *Beyond Belief* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Closing Song *Burning in My Soul* Praise Band

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Burning in my Soul (Reprise)* Praise Band