

## Celebration of Baptism



*Declan Hatfield*  
*Son of Justin & Amy Hatfield*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

(responsively)

**LEADER:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**PEOPLE: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.**

**LEADER:** Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united with Jesus Christ, and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness and the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be Christ's disciples always.

**PEOPLE: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members in Christ's body.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:13-16 (responsively)

**LEADER:** They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them:

**PEOPLE: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

**LEADER:** And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

### PRESENTATION OF THE WATER FOR BAPTISM

#### PROMISES OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

- Who brings this child for baptism? **Parents: We do.**
- Do you, Justin and Amy, desire to have Declan baptized into this Christian community? **We do.**
- Will you journey with Declan to discover the wonder of God's love? **We will.**
- Will you encourage Declan to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God? **We will.**

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- Will you teach Declan to honor and explore the faith questions that come to him throughout his life and to respect others' journeys of meaning-making? **We will.**
- Will you participate regularly with Declan in the worship, life, support, work, and mission of the church of Jesus Christ as it serves the community and the world? **We will.**
- And do you, Carissa & Dana, who stand as godparents promise to support Declan and his parents in the promises made this day? Do you promise to nurture this child as he explores the ways of God and as he grows in faith? **Godparents: We do.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**LEADER:** As a sign of covenant with those baptized this day let us all join with those participating and with the church in all times and places in affirming our faith.

Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life? **People: We believe in God.**

Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church? **People: We believe in Christ.**

Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life? **People: We believe in the Spirit.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT**

(responsively)

**LEADER:** Jesus calls us to make disciples of others, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. On behalf of the Christian Church in every place, do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to Declan as he lives and grows in Christ?

**PEOPLE: We promise our love, support, and care.**

### **BAPTISM OF DECLAN HATFIELD**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day as we in this community come together in covenant with Declan and his parents Justin & Amy. We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here this day, so that we may provide a safe shelter of your love in which Declan may learn and grow. Give to him, his parents, and godparents, strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND WELCOME**

People of God, let us welcome Declan into our midst, named by God and called with us to be God's servant people. Go now in peace.

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