

Wednesday Evening Worship, May 10, 2023

Prelude

Joanne Richards

Song

“Now We Join in Celebration”

Red Worship Book 462

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

L: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

L: Satisfy the world’s need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen

Readings

Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21

Message

Interim Pastor Steve Sylvester

Prayers

Holy Communion

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Red Worship Book 614

Blessing and Sending

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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