

## (G) **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

- **Baptism – its beginning and what it means**

- **Prayer for the Water of Baptism**

We thank God for the gift of life and, within it, the gift of water -- the water of creation, the water of deliverance through the sea, the water of Jesus' baptism and of our own. May the Spirit of Life be upon us and what we do here, that this water may be a sign of new life in our humanity and our holiness, as followers of the ways of Jesus, our companion and guide. Amen

- **A Statement of Faith**

We are not alone,

We live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus,

the word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence,

To live with respect in creation,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.



We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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- **Questions for the Parents**

- **Question for Family and Friends**

(Answer: • Yes, we do.)

- **Question for Congregation:**

(Answer: • Yes, we do.)

## **THE BAPTISMS**



- **Prayer After the Baptisms**

We are filled with thanks this day for God's love for these children and the holy vision for their lives. As they have been loved from before their beginning, so may they continue to be protected and guided through all their lives. May they be followers of the ways of Jesus. May their families, and we, the members of this church, live into the promises we have made, and continue growing in our own faith and sureness of the Word alive in our midst.

May all the world's people be blessed. May we all grow in wonder and joy through the Spirit at work within us. May we know God through the ways of Jesus, our companion and guide, love's power alive and free throughout the world. Amen.

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