

# Baptism

*A Gift from God, an Affirmation of Faith, A Promise Forever*



*Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.



Through Confirmation,  
and through the reaffirmation of our faith,  
we renew our covenant declared at our baptism,  
acknowledge what God is doing for us,  
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.



*On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:*

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject  
the evil powers of this world, And repent of your sin?



Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?



Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?



According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ' representative in the world?



Will you who stand with Ashlee now support and encourage her in her Christian Life?





Do you, as Christ's Body, the Church,  
Reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

*Congregational response: We do.*



Will you nurture one another in  
the Christian faith and life and include these persons now  
before you in your care?



*Congregational response:*

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

We will pray for her,  
that she may be true disciples who  
walks in the way that leads to life.



Let us pray.

*Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah 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.

*Congregational response:*

*Sing to the Lord, All the Earth.  
Tell of God's mercy each day!*



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.

*Congregational response:*

*Declare his works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.*



Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive 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.

*Congregational response:*

*All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever. **Amen***



I baptize you in the name of the *Father*,  
and of the *Son*, and of the *Holy Spirit*. Amen





Members of the household of God,  
I commend *Ashlee Mullinex* to you love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her faith,  
Confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.



*Congregational Response:*

*We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church, by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*



*“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

