

## **Service of Holy Baptism**

### **Introduction to the Service:**

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.

### **Presentation of Candidate:**

What names are given to these children for Holy Baptism?

### **Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith (To Parents & Sponsors)**

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?

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

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?

**I do.**

Will you nurture Olivia and Macklin in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

### **To the Congregation:**

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

**We do.**

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

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**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Olivia and Macklin with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who will walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **Addressed to everyone:**

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?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Baptism with laying on of hands:**

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

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

It is our joy to welcome Olivia and Macklin into the community of Pearl City United Methodist Church.

### **Congregational Welcome:**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. May the God of all grace establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in His grace and peace.**