BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and RECEPTION INTO DUMC

November 1, 2020

Pastor: 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 the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Pastor Paul:

I present to you the following persons who desire to become Members of the Church, and also with them their parents:

By Confirmation: (read names)

(As names are read Confirmands come to the front along with their parents. Parents stand behind each young person)

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor Sunil:

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.

(Pastor Sunil addresses 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 these young people about to be baptized in your care?

We will, with God's help.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul to ALL:

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of this congregation – the Doylestown United Methodist Church – will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your *prayers*, your *presence*, your *gifts*, your *service* and your *witness*?

CONFIRMATION

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen.

(Each candidate bows. All hold up their right hands to bless as Pastor Sunil confirms each member):

(Name), the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor Sunil: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: 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 Doylestown 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.

Pastor Sunil:

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters and brother in Christ. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

PRAYER & BLESSING

Pastor Sunil (addressing those received):

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

Made To Worship

Before the day, before the light
Before the world revolved around the sun
God on high, stepped down into time
And wrote the story of His love for everyone

He's filled our hearts with wonder So that we always remember

You and I were made to worship
You and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free
You and I embrace surrender
You and I choose to believe
You and I will see, who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have Is all a gift from God, that we receive Brought to life, we open up our eyes, To see the majesty and glory of the King

He's filled our hearts with wonder So that we always remember

You and I were made to worship
You and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free
You and I embrace surrender
You and I choose to believe
You and I will see, who we were meant to be.

Even the rocks cry out, even the Heavens shout, at the sound of His holy name. So let every voice sing out, and let every knee bow down, He's worthy of all our praise.

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You and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free
You and I embrace surrender
You and I choose to believe
You and I will see...
(repeat this section again, then)
who we were meant to be.

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become, His Righteousness
He humbled himself, and carried the cross....
Love so amazing..... Love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah.... Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn Love so amazing.... Yeah!

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah.... Lord of all (repeat this section again)

Jesus Messiah.... Lord of all! The Lord of all! The Lord of all!

Because He Lives

I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

Amen, Amen
I'm alive - I'm alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song - join the one that never ends
Because He lives...

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen I'm alive - I'm alive because He lives Amen, Amen Let my song - join the one that never ends

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow Because He lives, every fear is gone I know - He holds - my life - my future in His hands

Amen, Amen
I'm alive - I'm alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song - join the one that never ends
(repeat this section again, then...)

Because He lives Because He lives

We Believe

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear. There is only one foundation. We believe. We believe.

In this broken generation.
When all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation.
We believe. We believe.

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
and He's comin' back again...we believe.

Let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing. And in our weakness and temptations. We believe. We believe.

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He's comin' back again!
...we believe.