

Visions United Spirit Gathering

May 8, 2022

Christian Family Sunday – Sacrament of Baptism

“On the Day You Were Born”

From “Once Upon A Time” Worship series inspired by children’s storybooks

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome

God's Doors Are Open to All!

Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts

Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Acknowledgement of Place

One: We remember with gratitude
that we live and worship on lands that are, by law,
the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq.

**All: May we live with respect on this land,
and in peace and friendship with its peoples.**

Lighting of Christ Candle & Candle of Peace for the World

Sharing Our WOW moments

***Song** VU#395 Come in, Come in and Sit Down (*Refrain, v1, refrain, v2, refrain*)

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Sacrament of Baptism

Gathering around the Font

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One: All you, who are

All: family in God’s love.

Sharing the Peace

One: May the peace and welcome of Christ be with you

All: And also with you

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism

Chloe Grace Keirstead

Child of Sara & Chris Keirstead

Kole James Joseph Léger

Child of Aislynn Slusky & Paul Léger

Profession of Faith and Promises by the Parents

Congregational Commitment (*standing*)

With joy we witness the baptism of Chole and Kole.

We welcome them as a members of the Christian Church
and as a part of Visions United.

We will continue to support all children
and grow with them on the journey of faith.

With the Spirit's help, we will live out our baptism in Jesus Christ,
and our mission as a community of faith:

We are a spiritual community

Welcoming a diversity of people

Celebrating and exploring in faith together

Reaching out in love

Daring to make a difference

One act of kindness at a time.

May it Be So.

Affirmation of Faith The New Creed (VU#918)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water**The Baptism – Sign of the Cross – Blessing – Welcome****Presentation of Baptismal Candle and Certificate**

Song of Blessing MV#214 May God's Sheltering Wings

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We Listen for Wisdom

“Once Upon a Time...” with Children & Young at Heart

On the Day You Were Born

by Debra Fraser

(Children leave for programming)

Song VU#644 I Was There to Hear Your Born Cry

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Sacred Readings

Wisdom from Scripture: Psalm 19: 1-4

Anna Peters

Reflections from the Mystics & Theologians

Claudia Schaerer

Paul of the Cross (1694-1775)

An Excerpt from the United Church "Song of Faith"

Lorna Teed

Reflection

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Song MV#37 Each Blade of Grass

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Community at Prayer

An Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts

Offering is brought forward

May our offerings, given in love,
become promises of new life for the whole of creation,
and signs of transformation in the world. Amen.

Visioning Moment

Claudia Schaerer

Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

***Song** MV#178 Who Is My Mother

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Changing the Light & Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

*Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.*