



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost;  
**A Celebration of Child Baptism**

## **Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)**

November 14, 2021, 10 a.m.

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** / Julia Zeeb and Kristin Beals, Acolytes

**PRELUDE:** *“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”* (By Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

\***TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

\***CHORALE INTROIT:** *“This Is the Day,”* from “Acclamations” (By Hal H. Hopson) / The Aldersgate Chorale; Directed by Yvonne Flagg

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from 1 Sam 1, 2; Ps 16; Heb 10) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Christ is waiting here for us.

**(People) To welcome us.**

(Liturgist) To show you the path of life.

**(People) To love us.**

(Liturgist) To hear our prayers.

**(People) To be present with us always.**

(Liturgist) Come and worship!

**(All) We are here to praise the Lord! Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** #140 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* (Words by Thomas O. Chilsholm; Music by William M. Runyan) / All (Led by Valerie Othon, accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**Verse 1**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Verse 2**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
[Refrain]

**Verse 3**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
[Refrain]

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)**

Creating God, we give you thanks for this day, for the breath of life in our bodies, and for the ability to gather here as your faithful followers. During this time, may our prayers be honest and heart-felt. May we support and encourage one another. May our words be kind and compassionate. May we be inspired by your Holy Spirit to do good deeds, and to love without question or boundaries. And may we glorify you with our whole being. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,"* from "Introits and Responses" (By C. Albert Scholin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

INTERLUDE: "Triumphant Spirit" by Nicholas Hanson (Video) / Allegro Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:19-25 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

*Invitation to Respond by Drawing Near to God*

**<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God!

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**ANTHEM:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Arranged by James Q. Mulholland) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

**SERMON:** "BAPTISM: A NEW JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #2248 "Baptized in Water" (Words by Michael Saward (Romans 6:3-5); Music trad. Gaelic melody) / All (Led by Valerie Othon, accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**Verse 1**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Verse 2**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Verse 3**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of one Father, we are his children,  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

# CHILD BAPTISM: Clayton Charles Erickson

(Parents: Jessie Lee Erickson & Brian Weidinger;

Godparents: Jamie & Kenny Large and Stephanie & Michael Mueller)

## INTRODUCTION TO HOLY BAPTISM

(Pastor) Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of his righteousness and heirs of life eternal. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "**Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.**"

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

(Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader) I present **Clayton Charles Erickson** for Child Baptism. His parents are Jessie Lee Erickson & Brian Weidinger. His Godparents are Jamie & Kenny Large and Stephanie & Michael Mueller. Please come forward.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*(Pastor addresses Parents)* Beloved, do you in presenting this child **Clayton** for Holy Baptism confess your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

**(Parents) I do.**

*(Lay Leader addresses Parents)* Do you therefore accept as your bounden duty and privilege to live before this child a life that becomes the Gospel; to exercise all godly care that he be brought up in the Christian faith, that he be taught the Holy Scriptures, and that he learns to give reverent attendance upon the private and public worship of God?

**(Parents) I do.**

*(Pastor addresses Parents)* Will you endeavor to keep this child under the ministry and guidance of the Church until he, by the power of God, shall accept for himself the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as a full and responsible member of Christ's holy Church?

**(Parents) I will.**

*(Pastor addresses Parents & Godparents)* Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, include this child, **Clayton Charles Erickson**, now before you in your care, and surround him with a community of love and forgiveness?

**(All) We will.**

## BAPTISM

*(Pastor baptizes, saying)* **Clayton**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**(All) Amen.**

*(With Parents and Lay Leader Laying Hands on the Baptism Candidate)*

(Pastor) **Clayton**, the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**(All) Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

(Pastor) Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother **Clayton Charles Erickson** in Christ!

## **PRESENTATIONS OF CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM & GIFT**

## **BLESSINGS**

(Pastor) 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.

**(All) Amen!**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from 1 Sam 1, 2; Mark 13)/ Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Hannah went to the temple and offered her prayers to God. Jesus offered his love and his life. May this be the time when we offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for God's abiding presence in our lives!

**(All) Amen!**

**HOW TO GIVE** / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

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Thank you so much for being faithful to God through our Church!

**\*DOXOLOGY:** #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* / All (Led by Valerie Othon, Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / All (Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist)**  
Lord of life and love, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them, that others might be encouraged in the faith. Gracious God, use our lives as well. Help us share your story and pour out your love on everyone we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**LEGACY GIVING MOMENT: “Ella Kriege and Bob & Lois Fitch” / Lyn Knowles, Chair of the Church Council**

**LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #605 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (Words by Ruth Duck; Music attr. to B. F. White, harm. by Ronald A. Nelson) / All (Led by Valerie Othon, accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

**Verse 1**

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.

**Verse 2**

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

**Verse 3**

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

**\*BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim**

**POSTLUDE: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (By David Cherwien) / Robert Phillips, Organist**

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD / Julia Zeeb and Kristin Beals,  
Acolytes**

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*Chorale Director: Yvonne Flagg*

*Organist: Robert Phillips*

*Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale*

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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

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**(Please update our prayer list by contacting our church office. Thank you!)**

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Please contact the church office for more details.

**Sunday (Today), November 14**

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship with Child Baptism (Sanctuary) - 10 am  
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am  
UMM Fellowship (Zoom) - 11:30 am

**Monday, November 15**

Finance (Zoom) - 5:30 pm  
Faith & Fellowship (Zoom) - 7 pm

**Tuesday, November 16**

Staff Meeting (Conf. Room) - 10 am  
Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

**Wednesday, November 17**

Parents Morning Out (Room 2, PS) - 9 am  
UMW Meeting (Zoom) - 1 pm  
Youth UPLIFT (Youth Center) - 6:30 pm

**Thursday, November 18**

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

**Sunday, November 21**

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am  
Thanksgiving Sunday & Family Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am  
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am  
Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary) - 12 pm



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