O GOD OF CREATION, WE SEE

1. O God of creation, we see all around us
2. Christ Jesus, you lived in the same way you taught us;
3. O God, by your Spirit, now give us a vision

In all of our neighbors who daily surround us,
You talked and you ate with the poor and the outcast
where birthright and culture lead not to division
your love for your children is ever displayed. We're
you saw every person through welcoming eyes. For
and all of your children are welcomed as one. God,

made in your image, we're equal before you; yet
give our rebuilding the walls you have broken our
now may we work with a new dedication for

often injustice and hatred abound. For
making of barriers you came to tear down. The
justice, equality, freedom and peace, un-
give us the ways that we sin and ignore you, ac-
gift of your cross is the world's reconciling with

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen,
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their

all can safely live, a place where saints and
water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on
songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,

children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of
dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the

hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's

God and with all of God's people around.
share at your table in your banquet feast.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION
In baptism,
  God names us as God’s own beloved children;
  God promises to be our God
  and welcomes us into the family of Christ;
  God makes Christ’s death and resurrection for us
  present to us and at work in us.
The baptism of believers’ children especially makes visible
  the prevenient nature of grace—
  that God reaches out to, and accepts, us
  before we reach out to, and accept, God.
At the same time, in baptism,
  we acknowledge for ourselves and our children
  the gift and claim of God’s grace,
  and we commit ourselves and our children
  to live out of God’s grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,
  of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION
Who is presented for baptism?
Adeline Day Potts
*Daughter of Arthur and Chloe Potts*

PARENTS’ RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Because the role of parents and the church is crucial
  to a child’s experience of grace,
  we ask you to re-commit yourselves
  to the vows of the baptismal covenant:
Do you re-affirm your renunciation of sin
  and your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior,
  putting your whole trust in his grace,
  and promising to serve him as your Lord,
  by loving others as Christ loved you
  and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression?
We do.

Do you commit yourself to work for God’s reign on earth
  through the church, which Christ has opened to all people,
  participating actively in its ministries
  with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?
We do.

Will you nurture your child in Christ’s Church,
  that by your teaching and example,
  she may grow to know the grace of God,
  profess her faith in Christ openly,
  and live as a faithful disciple of Christ’s church?
We will.

CONGREGATION’S RESPONSE
Do you as Christ’s church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
  and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture this child in the Christian faith and life,
  praying for her, teaching her, and leading her
  in acts of service and mission?
We will.

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH OIL
Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36),
  priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (I Kings 1:39),
  candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that
  all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry
  of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE
A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the
  newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who
  overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in his
  or her life.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
Adeline,
  we give thanks that God has claimed you
  with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
  and we will never let you forget that!
We rejoice to welcome you as our sister
  in the family of Christ.
Our story is now your story:
  you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
  you have passed through the sea with Moses;
  Christ’s death and resurrection for you is at work in you,
  transforming you into the image of God.
Grow with us in grace,
  confess Christ crucified,
  proclaim his resurrection,
  and share with us in his royal priesthood.