PRAISE WITH JOY
THE WORLDS CREATOR

1. Praise with joy the world’s cre-a-tor, God of jus-tice,
   find the lost, heals the sick, up-sets re-li-gion,
   God whose grace shall nev-er cease. Cel-ebrate the
   Mak-er’s glo-ry, power to re-scue and re-lease.

2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hun-gry, frees the cap-tive,
   truth from pride, forg-ing bonds where race or gen-der,
   fear-less both of fate and cost. Cel-ebrate Christ’s
   con-stant pres-ence: Friend and stran-ger, guest and host.

3. Praise the Spir-it sent a-mong us, lib-er-a-ting
   mu-ni-ty, call-ing Chris-tians to em-bod-y
   one-ness in di-ver-si-ty. This the world shall
   Spir-it’s trea-sure: Fool-ish-ness none dare de-rise.

4. Praise the Mak-er, Christ, and Spir-it, one God in com-
   love, and peace, source and end of hu-man knowl-edge,
   to for-sake God’s call. To show our faith-ful-
   Mak-er’s glo-ry, power to re-scue and re-lease.

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WHEN WE WOULD NEIGHBOR BE

1. When we would neigh-bo-r be, we can-not choose the
   to for-sake God’s call. To show our faith-ful-
   con-stant pres-ence: Friend and stran-ger, guest and host.

2. When we would neigh-bo-r be, we can-not pass by
   their voi-ces raise, to show our faith-ful-
   Spir-it’s trea-sure: Fool-ish-ness none dare de-rise.

3. When we would neigh-bo-r be, we must at-ten-d their
   grace is God a-do-red. To show our faith-ful-
   see re-flect-ed: God is One and One-in-Three.

4. When we would neigh-bo-r be, we must at-ten-d their
   place: for God will call when needs a-rise and
   love, and peace, source and end of hu-man knowl-edge,
   to for-sake God’s call. To show our faith-ful-

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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?
Sylvie Dolan Crane
*Daughter of Earl and Sarah Crane*

**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**

Sylvie,
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.