

**Prelude**

Rev. Moon & Rick Handville

**Welcome**

Deacon

**Opening Prayer**

**God of compassion and forgiveness, might we recognize your smiling face as you welcome us into your arms, and might we receive others who have been wandering and lost, in exactly the same manner—with tenderness, gratitude and joy. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

Black Hymnal #12

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Rev. Fischer and Rev. Moon

**Response of the Congregation**

Do you, members and friends of this congregation, promise to do your part in receiving and caring for this child as God's own?

**All: We will endeavor to do so, and we promise our support. Joyfully and reverently we welcome**

*Landon Jon DeCoteau*

**as a member of the family of faith, the people of God. We accept as our sacred responsibility the task of helping him grow toward a life of faith.**

**\*Baptismal Song**

***I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

Black Hymnal #351

*(Deacons collect Joy/Concern cards.)*

**Scripture**

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,

**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Pew Bible, p 908

The grass withers and the flower fades,

**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

**Message**

“The Way of Jesus: Boundary Breaking Joy”

Rev. Moon

**Prayers of the People**

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayers.**

**Disciple's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Black Hymnal #4

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;  
Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

**Parting Song**

*We Are Part of One Another*

**We are part of one another  
Even when we're far apart  
Life is given by one spirit  
Flowing through our hearts  
We are waves upon the ocean we  
Are sep-a-rate yet one.  
Every ending a beginning,  
Every dawn a day is done.  
God within us, everyone.  
God between us,  
Everyone.**

**Postlude**

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