

This bulletin is dedicated:  
**Remembering Bethany Danielle Pike,**  
*January 8, 1988 – May 27, 2008*  
 from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

Easter VII/ Baptism/Environment Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Organist and Senior Choir Director:	Christine Tiller
Choir:	Senior

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**Organ Prelude:** *Processional in D Major*



Lasky

**Welcome and Life and Work of St. James**

**Introit:** *Praise, I will Praise You, Lord*

Frayssé

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: God is our Source and our Sustainer,

**All: Author of the universe and Lord of every life.**

One: As the heartbeat of our spirits, God is unveiled in the life of Jesus.

**All: A rhythm of grace that echoes in His words, a pattern of trust and hope in His deeds.**

One: But also, as the Wisdom that guides the stars, God is infinitely beyond our understanding,

**All: Never to be captured by our thoughts, or controlled by our desires, and always out ahead of us. It is our joy to follow and to worship.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) God of wisdom and mercy, teach us to blend wisdom with mercy and to show compassion without compromise. Teach us to walk wisely in this world of confusion and distrust. Help us to become a people and a church that bring honor and glory to You. Let this church be a lighthouse shining forth Your love. Holy God, teach us Holy Manners, so that we may be respectful of the beliefs and feelings of others. Teach us to be caring and compassionate. Give us courage to stand firm in our faith in You

without criticism of another person's faith. In the name of Jesus, the teacher of faith and compassion. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* 559

**Time with the Children & Presentation of Sunday School Certificates**

**Baptismal Hymn:** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* 644

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

#### Presentation

#### Parents' Baptismal Vows

#### Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of these parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed 918

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

#### Action of Baptism

**Liam James Walter March**, son of Vanessa Gail Marie Drover March & Jeffrey Albert March

**Preston Kaleb Vincent**, son of Ashley Marie King & Chesley Tony Vincent

#### Blessing: (together)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

#### Invitation to the Offering: (together)

Through the power of God's grace, we receive many gifts. May we offer our gifts to share the light as freely as did the apostle Paul, here in our community and throughout the world. Amen.

**Solo:** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Dorsey, arr. Schrader

**Organ Offertory:** *As The Deer* Nystrom, arr. Wagner

**Offertory Hymn:** *Spirit of Life* 381

**Offertory Prayer:** (together)

Gracious God, we give of our time, our talent and our financial resources to help in the transformation of the world to a place that is more pleasing in God's sight- a place overflowing with stories of new life and hope as people face the challenges that lie before them. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 66, R2, Part 1 784

**Gospel:** John 14 : 15-21

**Anthem :** *It Is Well with My Soul* McDonald

**Sermon :** Rev. Terrie Burry, accompanied by Jeff March

**Prayers of Concern**

**Closing Hymn:** *I Feel the Winds of God* 625

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Organ Postlude:** *Trumpet Tune* Brunner

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Michelle Skinner

**Greeters:** Wayne and Sophie Skinner

**Ushers:** Jan Winsor, Jean, Kevin, Alexandra, Victoria and Leah Smith