

St. James United Church

September 14th, 2014

Second Sunday of Creation/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist: Lorraine Moores

**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: God's call echoes across the flat land,

All: Through the city, over the cool water,

One: Into our hearts, and we respond.

All: Here we gather for worship, praise and fellowship,

One: With God and one another,

All: In Christian love and delight.

Opening Prayer: (together)

God, You call us to rejoice in You and to fill this house of prayer with music, love and laughter. The excitement of our sons and daughters feeds us. The faith of our grandmothers and grandfathers empowers us. The courage of our brothers and sisters in Christ strengthens us. As we worship this day, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, filling our hearts with dreams and our minds with peace. Amen.

Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King* 217

Time with the Children

Baptismal Hymn: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* 444

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

Preston Gary Milley, son of Jillian Laura Milley

Lauren Isabelle Taite, daughter of Anne Theresa Gough Taite and Brian Richard Arthur Taite

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

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Offertory Prayer: (together) Receive our gifts, gracious God, which we offer in sincerity and love. We ask that You would bless and multiply these offerings and anoint us with Your Spirit, so that they and we may do Your will in the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Scripture: Exodus 14: 19-31

Responsive Exodus Reading: Song of the Sea 876

Gospel: Matthew 18 : 21-35

Hymn : *Crashing Waters at Creation* 449

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 651

Blessing & Sending Forth followed by Musical Postlude