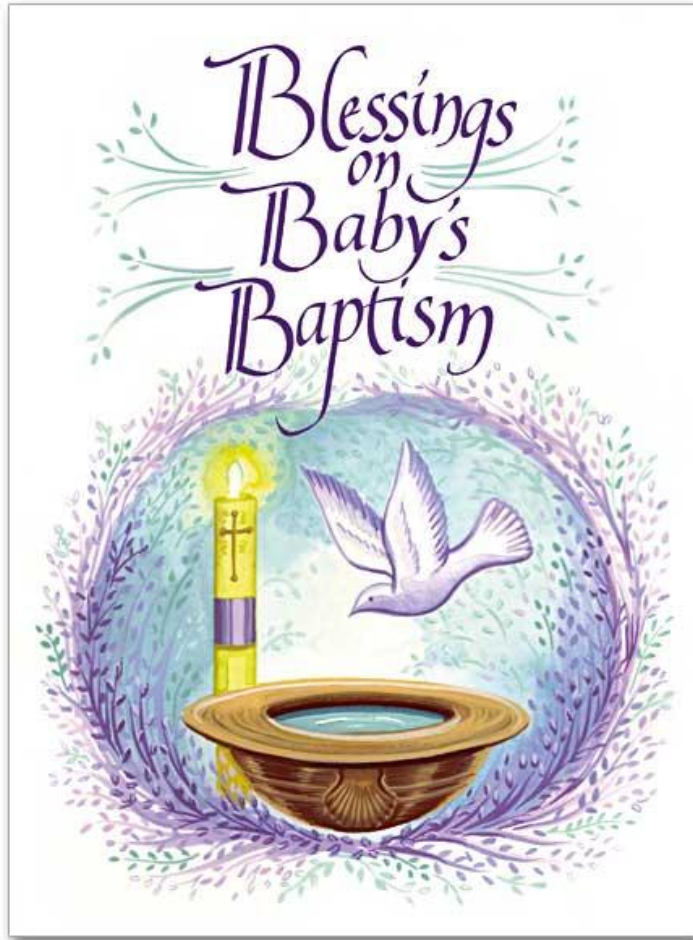


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May 7, 2017/Baptism/4th Sunday after Easter

Minister:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Acting Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist:	Bob Rose
Choirs:	AOTS, Youth
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

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Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *Jesus Stand Among Us*

AOTS and Youth

Lighting the Community Candle

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: You know the reason why you came.

All: Yes, we know and so we have arrived, seeking God's Word for inspiration and for guidance. We have come to sing praise to the Creator.

One: So let us worship in humble hospitality and love.

Opening Prayer: (together) O Holy One, You bring us to places and circumstances that we never thought possible. Yet they have arrived, and sometimes we feel unprepared. Help us to find the place that is just right. Help us in this hour to experience the 'other,' to find solitude and peace and especially to find a place to listen deep within our hearts. Amen.

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

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Children's Time

Baptismal Hymn: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Presentation

Parent's Baptismal Vows

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

We have heard the will of the 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

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Jase Parker Vincent, son of Ashley Marie King Vincent & Chesley Tony Vincent,
Emily Elizabeth DeLacey, daughter of Erica Stokes DeLacey & Gregory DeLacey

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.

Offertory Invitation: Repentance means turning. May our gifts this morning symbolize a turning of our hearts.

Offertory Anthem: *He Lovingly Guards Every Footstep*

Youth & AOTS

Offertory Hymn: *Worship the Lord*

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Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, Creator, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one!

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord), praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!

Offertory Dedication: (together) We offer these gifts in gratitude for healing love, strengthening presence, and hope when things seem hopeless. May these in some small way communicate Your love with those around us, and with those around the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem: *Everywhere I Go*

Youth

Scripture Reading

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Hymn: *I Have Called You by Your Name*

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Meditation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

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Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Daphne Coish

Greeters: Sylvia Cole, Menetha Dyke

Ushers: Barbara Butt, Shirley Downey, Barbara Tulk, Ruth Baker

