

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Spirit of God is here.

Our hearts are lifted into the creating, gracing presence of God.

In gratitude, we joyfully proclaim:

Our praise and thanks are yours, Author of Life,

For the sacred gift of water,

O God, hear our humble exaltation.

In the beginning, you brooded over the waters to bring order out of chaos; in the waters, you formed us in our mothers' wombs, and cradled us into life; and with water you renew and replenish the earth, nourishing and sustaining all living things.

O God of new life, we raise our voices in thanksgiving.

Through the waters with Moses you led your people to freedom from slavery; across the river Jordan you led Israel to the land of promise.

O God of new life, we raise our voices in praise.

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit. Passing through the deep waters of death, Christ buried our sins and emerged to resurrection life.

O God of new life, we raise our voices in joy.

Blaze forth among us, O Holy Spirit! Ignite these waters with the fire of your love. Charge them with refining power, to consume all that is false and sanctify all that is true. And now we pray, each in our own voice, out of the gift of the intimate relationship into which we were baptized:

God of all, God of my heart, engulf me in your love and grace.

Embrace me in your solitude; enclose me in your silence.

Close my ears to confusion;

Close my eyes to idols;

Close my heart to temptations.

Calm me, my Savior, as you stilled the storm.

Comfort me, my Redeemer, keep me from hopelessness and fear.

Immerse me, Lord Christ, in the depths of your peace.

Amen.