

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Baptized this morning, May 28, 2023

EBBE BREITINGER JOSE

Born August 24, 2017

HENRY SILK JOSE

Born March 30, 2021

Children of

Eben Jose and Victoria Curtis



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome of the Children

They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them,

“Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.”

And Jesus welcomed them and blessed them. Today, we are the body of Christ, and we welcome children to bless and baptize them into the beloved community of the Christian faith.

We Affirm our Faith

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God.

Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church, the sign and seal of their participation in God’s forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into the full Christian faith and discipleship.

Gathering the Cloud of Witnesses

Presentation of the Water of Baptism

Geoffrey and Julia Parker

This is the water of baptism:

Out of this water we rise with new life, are called into a life of discipleship and service, and are made one in Christ, members of Christ’s body in the church.

Baptismal Questions

To the Parents:

Do you desire to have your children baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Will you love, guide, and support them in the discovery of who they are: beloved children of God; growing with them in faith, celebrating the presence of the Spirit in their lives, and nurturing Christ's call to them in the world?

Parents: We will, relying on God's grace.

Will you share with them your own experiences of God, and the love of Christ, that they may grow to resist evil and oppression, and strive to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

Parents: We will, relying on God's grace.

To the Siblings

Will you support your siblings and help them remember that God loves them?

Siblings: Yes!

Congregational Assent

On behalf of the Christian church in every time and every place, do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to these children as they live and grow in Christ?

Congregation: We promise our love, support, and care to Ebbe and Henry, to their parents, and to all who will join together to nurture them within the faith and family of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Pastor will continue the prayer...

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZED

