Date: August 9, 2026
11th Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Baptism
Rev. Marjorie Egger

Prayer of Preparation

You're a chosen child. You're ours by birth but more so as a gift from God, chosen to fill our home with laughter and with love. You're a chosen child. You are our priceless treasure.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music .

Welcome & Life of the Church

***Call to Worship** (from a "Wee Worship Book") Liturgist

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,
God was.
Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,
God is.
In the future when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,
God will be.
Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God was. God is. God will be.

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* GTG 475

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison) Liturgist

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars, in the kaleidoscope of color and shade, in the patterns of humor and tenderness and touch, we celebrate your generosity. Forgive us when we forget: the gift in our every breath, the care that sustains our every moment, the grace that can transform our every day. Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, resentful spirits. Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep score. Amen Kathy Galloway

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33 Liturgist
Source: NRSV

Anthem *I Hope You Dance* Mark Sanders, Tia Sillers
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Faith and Baptism Rev Marjorie Egger

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

Sacrament of Baptism

Song of Preparation *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* GTG 486

(Family is invited to come up to the baptismal font while the congregation sings)

Child of blessing, child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you into love and grace divine.

Presentation of the Candidate Holden Garrett Nintzel Karen Palermo, Clerk of Session

Words of Introduction
The Baptismal Promises
Blessing of the Water
Act of Baptism
Prayer
Welcome into the Covenant
Presentation of Gifts

Congregation Response *Child of Blessing Child of Promise* GTG 486

Child of God your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer

The Act of Gratitude
Offertory: *Ho, All Who Thirst* Alexander M. Peters

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606
Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*) Liturgist

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important mission of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed* (vs 1, 3, 4) GTG 489

***Benediction** Pastor Marge

Postlude *The Water Song* David Libby

Next Week's Liturgist: Gail Stevens

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Marjorie Egger
Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger
Ushers: Carol & Ed Pillsbury
Liturgist: Thurlow Cunliffe

Music: David Libby
Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento
The Westminster Choir
A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEN'S GROUP OF WPC WILL MEET FOR THEIR MONTHLY LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, AT NOON. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and cookies provided. For more information, contact Jerry Egger, revgeraldegger@gmail.com or 302-519-5765

WANTED- VOLUNTEER PIANIST to play the hymns for the WPC-led worship at The Moorings on the 1st and 5th Sundays of the month. Contact Dave Norton (585) 317-7317 or David Kaminsky (302) 743-2146.

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE- served at your home the first Sunday of each month by our Home Communion Ministry team. Please contact Carol Pillsbury at 609-902-9024 or carolpillsbury1@gmail.com if you wish to have Home Communion.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY- Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, and September 2, 1:00–2:30 p.m., at **Coolspring Presbyterian Church**. Led by **Rev. Anne Ledbetter** and **Rev. Susan Phalen**, this year's study is **Women in the Hebrew Scriptures**. Bring your Bible; no book is required. Please plan to attend at least 4 of 5 sessions. All are welcome.

PARKING METERS IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15- The City of Rehoboth does not ticket cars parked on the streets adjacent to the church for those attending worship until 12pm. It is suggested you leave a copy of a worship bulletin on your dash so parking enforcement knows you are at worship.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE- Join us after worship for this important ministry. You are welcome to host on an open Sunday or contribute items to any Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

August 16- John Still Fried Chicken
August 23- Mission Outreach
August 30- Open for Hosting
September 6- Open for Hosting

ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER LAST DAY TODAY- Come support this great cause at Applebee's on RT. 1with baked goods and discounted gift cards to area businesses!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our church has been advised to respect the privacy of those requesting prayers in the bulletin and the online worship service by limiting their identities to first names only.

Joy:
Frank & Lisa- Welcomed their first grandson, Jude Henry, born on July 18.
Sarah- passed her Nurse Practitioner Board Certification after a long, but determined learning process.

Mourning/Grieving:
Beth- (daughter of Betty) mourning the loss of Betty, who moved from this life to More Life. **Services for Betty will be held on Sat. August 22 at 10:30am with a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.**

Medical Concerns:
Brittany- (granddaughter-in-law of Marleen and Mike) had successful surgery.
Janine- (niece of Laurel) diagnosed with lung cancer.
Eileen- (family member of Deb) suffering from multiple and serious health concerns.
Greg- will be having bladder surgery on August 13th.
Joyce- will be having hip replacement surgery in September.

Amanda- (friend of Eddie and Pam) was diagnosed with cancer.

Lifelong Trial:
Caleb- suffering from ongoing effects of Lyme disease.
John- (cousin of Carol) is in rehab struggling with the effects of Parkinson's.
John- suffering from Parkinson's medication side effects.
Rich- (son of Betty) ongoing battle with stage 4 melanoma.
Danny- (son of Lois) under the care of his brother and is holding his own.
Danny- (son of Paul and Rita) completed chemo and radiation treatments.
Jackie- continuing chemo transfusions. Cancer is in remission.
Mary- (close friend of Don) has stopped treatment for gall bladder cancer.
Lea- has stage 4 liver cancer and is in hospice care.

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:
Mable, John, Esther, Barbara, Barbara, John & Pat, Sarah, Mimi, Sherry, Ernesto & Joan.

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Vision- Aspire To Be:

A welcoming and loving congregation where everyone who gathers matters and belongs.

Mission:

•Spirit-Led: Listening, Loving, and Serving •Welcoming: Embracing All
•Faithful: Guided •Missional: Active •Joy-filled: Celebrating God