

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Baptisms and New Members

Father's Day

## GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

\*\*indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Paen and Sostenuto* D. Wolford

*Please rise to sing:*

\*\*VOICES UNITED **226** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Tune: 81)

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP ...Chris Emery

We come to you, O God, our River of Life:

**May we drink deeply, and receive your grace.**

We come to you, O God, our Rock of Ages:

**May we stand in trust, and receive your strength.**

We come to you, O God, our Source of Compassion:

**May we open our hearts, and receive your healing love.**

\*\*PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

*(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)*

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

TESTIMONIES

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES ...Brian Snell, Chair of Council

BAPTISMAL AND NEW MEMBER VOWS

\*\*CHURCH FAMILY RESPONSE *(Our Mission Statement and Values):*

Will you, with God's help, reach out to one another and our world as we grow spiritually in a caring, affirming, Christian community?

**We will.**

Will you who form the community of love in which our shared values are lived out, keep these individuals in your hearts and prayers, and provide an example of community, affirming, caring, growing spiritually, meaningful worship and reaching out to them, with God's help? **We will.**

\*\*A NEW CREED *(unison)*

**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.**

\*\*POURING OF WATER AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Let us pray. *(all seated)*

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

RESPONSE

As God's people in this community

**we welcome you, we affirm who you are,**

**and we seek to include you**

**in the life and the ministry we all share.**

ANTHEM

*Down to the River to Pray*

arr. S. Curry

