

Opening Scripture: Matthew 3: 16-17 The Message

The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters, the skies opened up and he saw God's Spirit—it looked like a dove—descending and landing on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: "This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life."

Opening Prayer

As a mother comforts her child, **so, you comfort us, O God;**
as a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord is
compassionate and merciful.**

Statement of Purpose

Hear this record of Jesus' radical concern for welcoming children: People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might bless them:

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: **"Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in."** Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them. (Mark 10:13-16, *The Message*)

Presentation of Candidate

Affirmation of Faith – New Creed VU 918-919

Promises of Parents – Katherine and Samantha

Will you share your faith with Edward, growing with him in faith, hope and love? **WE WILL.**

**Participation of Godparents and Grandparents -
Darlene and Martha**

Will you grow in faith with this child, trusting that "you are not alone, you live in God's world"? **I WILL**

Congregational Promise

As SouthWest United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these persons within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil? **WE WILL**

Prayer of Thanksgiving- Pouring of the Water

May God's Spirit be upon us and these waters of daily use, Which we now use to baptize and to welcome
Edward Paul Black

**The Act of Baptism/Marking with the Sign of the
Cross**

Edward Paul, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and mark you with the sign of the cross. Child of God, from this day forward you bear the sign of Jesus Christ.

As hands are laid on: Edward Paul, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you that, being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

Declaration & Congregational Welcome & Blessing

Let us welcome this new life among us

Little child, welcome to this world, **this amazing and scary world**. Welcome to light and dark, **hot and cold, good and evil**. Welcome to love and hate, **truth and lies, good times and bad**. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. **Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.**

Robert Fulghum, From Beginning to End - The Rituals of Our Lives

Baptismal Candle – to the God Parents to hold

This is the light of Christ, passed to you by church and family.
May this light be yours.

Baptismal Hymn

VU 100 When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

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Baptism

Edward Paul Black

Born November 17, 2021

Baptized May 15, 2022

Child of Samantha Stielow and Katherine Black



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