

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Easter Five
Baptism of Edward Paul Black

Welcome

***Gathering:* MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name
(vs1+2)**

Candle Lighting

As we light this candle today, we pray that the light and love of Christ will shine into all the dark and lonely places of our world. Amen

Call to Worship

Imagine...a place where all are welcome **and everyone hears the sound of their name.** Imagine...everyone having enough food and water **and a home free of hatred and fear.**

Imagine...a place where creativity is valued **and the spirit is nurtured in love.** Imagine...just imagine this is that place.
With one voice, one joy, one faith, one love we worship God together. *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there (MV 14)

Opening Prayer

God of all life, we have no proof of your existence except for this deep longing for unity that exists within our very being. We look up at the stars and know they are part of us. We plant our feet on the earth, and we know that it is part of us. We breathe the air and know it is part of us. We immerse ourselves in the water of life, and we know it is a part of us. You have created us in love and in unity with all that exists. The more closely we align ourselves with this oneness, the more keenly we are aware of your presence. With gratitude we share together in worship this day, joining our voices a solidarity of praise. Amen.

***Hymn:* MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**

Prayers for Grace and Transformation/

Words of Affirmation In the depth of our separation and the sharp division of our fragmented lives, we are assured by the one that created us that we are forgiven and loved unconditionally. Thanks be to God. Amen

The Peace

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***Hymn:* VU 100 When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized**

Exegesis and Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 148 VU page 871

John 13 : 31-35

***Behold, I Make All Things New (MV 115)**

Reflection

***Hymn:* VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

Invitation to the Offering + Doxology VU 541

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the people/Lord's Prayer

****Listen in the Silence...***

Extinguish the Candle

Blessing/Commissioning

***Hymn:* VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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