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March 30, 2014

## WELCOME

### RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM

Andrew, Melissa, Mazie, Emma, and Harrison Green

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONG OF CELEBRATION

### STATEMENT OF MISSION

Leader: Who are we?

All:

**People of God, learning to follow Jesus,  
inviting others to join the journey.**

### WORDS OF FAITH

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## SONG OF WORSHIP

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

**Eternal Father, turn our hearts to you. By seeking your kingdom  
and loving one another, may we become a people who worship you  
in spirit and truth. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAYER

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

*Celebration No. 5 -Handbell Choir*

## HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

## TIME OF REFLECTION

### SONG OF SENDING FORTH

### BENEDICTION

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve God in all you do.

**People: We are sent in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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**Altar Flowers** To celebrate the baptism of Dash Steven McAtee and in memory of Randy McAtee, given by Kathy McAtee.

**Rose on the Altar** In honor of Luke Zachary Smith, born on March 21, 2014 to Kris & Zachary Smith. Proud grandparents are Larry & Estella Boevers.