



## Welcome

**Prelude/Candle-Lighting**

“When he Cometh”  
(Arr. G. Young organ)

Evelyn Rohrbach

## Ringing the Bell

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship God, the Lord, and Giver of Life

**All: God, give us the waters of new life**

Leader: In the deserts of our lives, in the wilderness within,

**All: God, give us the waters of new life**

Leader: Let peace flow like a river and love spring forth like a fountain

**All: God, give us the waters of new life**

Leader: Grant us - and our world - a second chance and a new beginning,

**All: God, give us the waters of new life**

Leader: Let us open our lives to new life and our hearts to sing God’s praise.

### \*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Giver of Life, we thank you for the gift of water in its many forms and for the life it sustains. Thank you for the rocks and rapids, mayflies and stoneflies, trout and walleye, frogs and turtles; for clams and otters, cattails and wild rice; for blue-winged teal, Canada geese, trumpeter swans, osprey and eagle; for all creatures in and near the water; for clean water to drink and for our mighty rivers and great lakes. Help us to care for this holy gift. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

“Come to the Water of Life”  
(vs. 1, 2, 5 and 6)

SoF #30

## **Baptism of Skylar Hein**

### **Congregational Promise**

**Leader:** Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to Skylar, as she lives and grows in her relationship with God?

**People:** **We promise our love, support, and care.**

### **Congregational Proclamation**

**You have been baptized into Jesus Christ; you are a child of God; you have put on Christ. In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one.**

### **Congregational Welcome** (as Skylar is presented)

**Skylar, we welcome you joyfully as a member of the family of Jesus the Christ. We offer ourselves as your extended family in this place, to love and encourage you as you grow in faith. We promise to honor your acts of commitment and witness; to defend you in your pursuit of truth; to join you in your struggle to accept the costs and joys of discipleship. We promise to support your parents and sponsors in the vows which they have made. We give them, and you, our love and support.**

<b>Baptismal Hymn</b>	“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”	Hymnal #498
<b>Readings</b>		Carol Ropella
Psalm 46:1-5		
Numbers 20:2-7		
John 7:37-38		
<b>Anthem</b>	“Christ Has No Body Now But Yours” (arr. Ogden)	Chancel Choir
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Ever-flowing Streams</i>	Rev. Kathleen Remund
<b>Transitional Music</b>	“In the Garden” (E. Olivero)	Evelyn Rohrbach

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father/Mother/Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

<b>Offertory</b>	“The River is Wide” (Arr. B. Sowash)	Evelyn Rohrbach
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**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious Creator, we give thanks for all our people have offered to you today. May our time, talents, and pledges enable this congregation to better care for the gracious gift of your good earth. Lead us in paths of service to you and to your creation. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Healing River”**

**SoF #58**

**Benediction**

**Leader:** Go forth this day, sustained by the living waters of Earth and Spirit. Experience the ways that Earth and Spirit participate in one another. Embrace the new beginnings offered in baptism and in this season of resurrection. Be blessed by love for the waters we have been given—and in that blessing, commit yourselves to the water’s care.

**All: Amen.**

**Sung Benediction**

God, be with you till we meet again;  
By their counsels guide, uphold you;  
With their sheep securely fold you;  
God, be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude**

**“Lift High the Cross”  
(arr. L. Larson)**

**Evelyn Rohrbach**

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**This week:**

**Today**, April 23, Annual meeting, and potluck

**Monday**, April 24, Bell deadline

**Saturday**, April 29, Bill Wikrent Memorial

2-3:00 pm Visitation

3:00 pm Service

# Come to the Water of Life

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1. All who are thirst-y__ for jus - tice,	all who are thirst-y__ for
2. All who are thirst-y__ for mer - cy,	all who are thirst-y__ for
3. All who are thirst-y__ for heal - ing,	all who are thirst-y__ for
4. All who are thirst-y__ for beau - ty,	all who are thirst-y__ for

peace.	All who are thirst - y__ for peace,	for jus - tice,
love.	All who are thirst - y__ for love,	for mer - cy,
touch.	All who are thirst - y__ for touch,	for heal - ing,
truth.	All who are thirst - y__ for truth,	for beau - ty

come,	come to__ the wa - ter__ of	life._____
come,	come to__ the wa - ter__ of	life._____
come,	come to__ the wa - ter__ of	life._____
come,	come to__ the wa - ter__ of	life._____

5. All who are thirst-y__ for free - dom,	all who are thirst-y__ for hope.
6. All who are thirst-y__ for laugh - ter,	all who are thirst-y__ for joy.

All who are thirst - y__ for hope,	for free - dom, come,
All who are thirst - y__ for joy,	for laugh - ter, come,

come to__ the wa - ter__ of	life._____	
come to__ the wa - ter__ of	life._____	

## Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
2. Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a bass line with notes and rests.

with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a bass line with notes and rests.

# Healing River

*Cantor*

1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your  
2. This land is parch - ing, this land is  
3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and

wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters  
burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing  
flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish,

up - on this land. O heal - ing  
in the bar - ren ground. O heal - ing  
let the tall stalks rise. O heal - ing

riv - er, send down your wa - ters, And wash the  
riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing  
riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing

blood from off the sand.  
riv - er, send your wa - ters down.  
riv - er, from out of the skies.