



Saturday, June 5, 2021  
5:00 P.M.

Good Stewards Together  
Baptism of Cecilia Duffy Bugher

### **GATHERING**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray... God our provider, we give you thanks for this time to be together  
and to grow in faith. Guide us to remember that there is always more than enough  
to share. Trusting in your abundance, help us to learn how each of us is a steward  
of what you have given us.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURE – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

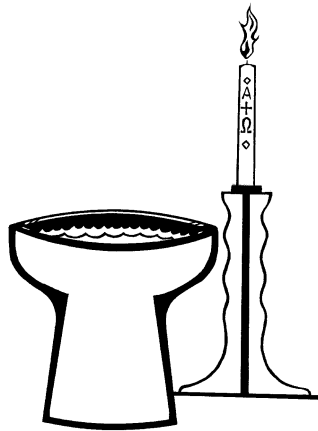
<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein



## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: CECILIA DUFFY BUGHER**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors:* We present Cecilia Duffy Bugher for baptism.

Meghan and David, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Cecilia baptized into Christ?

*Response:* We do.

As you bring Cecilia to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people

care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Cecilia grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* We do.

Jackie and Dan, do you promise to nurture Cecilia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Cecilia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

*Response:* **We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Let us confess what we believe: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight... To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

Cecilia Duffy Bugher, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Cecilia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Cecilia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newest member of the body of Christ.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**Join us in giving thanks and praise to God**

**and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The assembly expresses its welcome with applause.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

O God, the giver of all life, we praise you for Cecilia as we welcome her into the body of Christ today and this faith community receives her with great joy. Look with kindness upon her parents, David and Meghan. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Cecilia. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally with her the salvation you have given them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you share your gifts with us and help us to learn to be good stewards as we receive your word. Inspire us to live as good stewards and your disciples. Lead us to see that the work of our hands can provide for the needs of our neighbors near and far. Help us to expand our understanding of stewardship and proclaim your gospel of transformation and new life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, thank you for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food, and protect all that you have made from harsh changes in climate. Give communities and leaders a spirit of compassion, steering them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of healing mercies, restore those who are sick and suffering to wholeness in you. Embrace all in need of your care, especially...  
Surround them with your unwavering presence. Envelop those who have died in the faith in your love, O God, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty and merciful God, hear the prayers of your people. As you call us to the meal of Holy Communion, a table set with your very self, grant us your strength and peace. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We pause for prayer and reflection.*



## **PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining us today!

Those who are worshipping in person are invited to dispose of their communion packs and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.



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Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ  
and living the Gospel through service

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