

Youth Devotional Activity

Week of Sunday, March 30, 2020

“Baptism isn’t a private moment in the presence of others; it’s a public moment— it’s a church moment. The whole church celebrates that baptism. ”

- Rev. Mike Graves

In [Mike’s sermon on Sunday](#), he talked about baptism as something that brings us together as a church family. When we are baptized, we joyfully embrace our belonging to the church— both the specific church where we’re baptized, and the Church Universal— the entirety of God’s family. In the current moment of time, we can hold onto our baptism as a sign of the support and love we share with our church family— even and especially when we’re physically distanced.

- In [Mike’s sermon](#) (about 26:10 into the video), he mentioned an “architectural assignment” he offered a class “Imagine and design a church that you come into through water. Maybe it’s a bridge over a stream, or maybe it’s surrounded by a waterfall.” The goal was to find a creative way to remind people of baptism every time they entered the church, since baptism is a symbol of one’s belonging to their church family. **By yourself**, draw or describe a church building that requires people to enter through water. Share with us a photo of what you create!
- Baptism is an important Christian ritual, but we all participate in many “rituals” throughout life. A ritual is simply “a series of actions or type of behavior regularly and invariably followed by someone.” **As a family**, talk about the rituals you share. They can be anything, silly or serious, that you practice together regularly. What do these rituals show you about what’s important to you as a family? Share with us a story about your family rituals!
- **Alone or together**, write a note to our Pastors’ Class youth who will be baptized this year. While they’re sad to not be baptized next Sunday as originally planned, they’re eager for continued time learning together. Email Tyler your note(s).

Every week, youth & families will be invited to a simple devotional activity themed with Sunday’s sermon as a way to stay connected & grow spiritually with our church community during this time that we’re physically apart. Check email & Instagram every Monday for the week’s activity, and make sure to share any photos or quotes with Tyler!

