Baptism of Rosemary Michelle Peterson **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Sentences of Scripture **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Today is a special day because today we get to welcome a new member into our church family! We have a very special and very old way of welcoming people who are new to the faith—it is called baptism.

Christians have been baptizing people for over 2000 years; it is something all Christians hold in common. Not only was Jesus himself baptized, but he also told us to baptize one another. We call this "the great commission."

Jesus said, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* ~ Matthew 28:18-20

In a baptism we use clean, pure water as a sign and a seal of God's love and forgiveness.
Rosemary Michelle Peterson has long ties to this congregation and, with the love and nurture of her family, and you Westminster Church, she is learning more and more about God, and about God's love for her and for the world.

Today we gather to honor and celebrate the Peterson family's desire that Rosie receive the sacrament of baptism.

Baptism is the beginning of that lifelong journey of faith and the moment at which we recognize that God has made Rosie a part of our church and a member of the body of Christ.

Presentation **Elder Candy Relle**

On behalf of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church,
we present **Rosemary Michelle Peterson** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Questions for Baptism for Rosie's Family **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire that Rosie Peterson be baptized?
We do.

Relying on God's grace, do you also promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?
We do.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world.
We do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Christ as your Teacher, Friend, and Savior,
trusting in Christ's grace and love?

We do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying Christ's Word and showing Christ's love?
We will, with God's help.

Question to Sponsor **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Rosie to be a faithful Christian?
I do.

Question to the congregation **Elder Candy Relle**

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Rosie by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church?
We do.

Thanksgiving Over the Water **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Holy and gracious God,
you have created each one of us
and called us your children.
In you alone we find life.
By your power we are upheld.

We give you thanks for the gift of water
through which you nourish and sustain all living things.
Through the waters of the sea,
you led your people Israel
out of slavery into the freedom of the land of your promise.
In the same way, in our baptism,
you set us free from the powers that bind us
and promise us new life as a part of your covenant people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Rosie
so that she might know from this day forward
that she is claimed, protected, and upheld by your love.
Strengthen her to serve you with joy,
until that day when you make all things new. Amen.

The Baptism

Rosemary Michelle Peterson,
I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Welcome **Elder Candy Relle**

Through baptism, **Rosemary Michelle Peterson** has been made a member of the household of God.

I charge you, the people of this congregation,
to love and nurture her,
so that she may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome Rosie into Christ's church,
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage,
and support you, Rosie, in your life of faith.

Musical Response "This Little Light of Mine"

Presentation of the Certificate of Baptism and Bible **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**