

The Celebration of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

Presentation of Candidate

On behalf of the congregation of *Orchard Valley United Church*, I present the following child for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism: Leo Lee Campbell, son of Amber Steeves and Marlen Campbell.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Commitment of Parent: Amber Steeves and Marlen Campbell, Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus Christ, love incarnate; and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in Christ's community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

In baptism, Leo marks an important step in his journey of faith. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Sponsors: Mackenzie Steeves and Alex Hamilton, will you pray for this child and take care that he may learn and live the faith?

I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment

We have heard the will of Leo's parents and sponsors. We receive *Leo Lee Campbell* in Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. Will you support Leo with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

We will, God being our helper.

Affirmation of Faith "A New Creed"

We are not alone'

we live in God's world.

We believe in God;

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church;

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led the children to Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

Baptism

Blessing

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Certificate

Leo Lee Campbell, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

Amen.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Leo, into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of the Christ, we welcome you.

Blessing

Hymn: "May God's Sheltering Wings"

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