



Summer Worship Series at Moe **Theme for July 13, 2025 ~ Air**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of creation, we seek to be one with you
and all you have made.

Be near us in our disconnection,
and bring us into right relationship
with all of your good creation.

Give us open hearts, open hands,
and compassion for all

as we confess our brokenness, receive your forgiveness,
and remember our connection with every living thing.

Amen.

Let us confess our disconnection, brokenness,
and sin before our Creator God.

God of love,

**We confess that we have not treated your creation
as something to be valued.**

**You ask us to receive, and yet we extract;
you ask us to live in peace, and yet we seek to control.**

**Forgive us in our disconnection from creation,
known and unknown to us.**

Give us hearts to seek the thriving of all.

**Through your goodness,
transform our pridefulness into humility,
and our death into life.**

Beloved people of God's creation:
God has declared you "good,"
along with the fish of the sea
and the sun that warms us.

In the name of Christ, ✠ you are forgiven,
washed in the earth's abundant water, and given new life.

Our God calls us out of disconnection to be rooted and grounded in love,
caring for one another and for all of creation.

Amen!

OPENING SONG: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* **ELW 858**

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of justice, kindle in us the fire of your
hope. Lead us with the flame of clarity, love, and compassion. Fill us
with your warmth, that we may go into the world burning with zeal
for your gentleness and care. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit
of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of
bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the
valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones
live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me,
"Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of
the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to
enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh
to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you
shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied,
suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together,
bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had
come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in
them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal,
and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four
winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I
prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and
they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:1-9

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

² **Praise the Lord with the lyre;**

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ **For the word of the Lord is upright,**

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

⁶ **By the word of the Lord the heavens were made**

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

he put the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ **Let all the earth fear the Lord;**

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,

⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-8

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG: "Spirit of Gentleness"

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SERMON

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ellie Jo Miller

daughter of Pacey & Alyssa Miller



Presentation

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

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.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Ellie Jo Miller* baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

As you bring *Ellie Jo* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *her* in faith and prayer,
so that *she* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help *Ellie* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Ellie* 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?

Sponsors: I do.

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

Assembly: We do.

Profession Of Faith

The presiding minister addresses parents and sponsors:

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses parents, sponsors, and assembly.

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.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

The presiding minister pours water on the candidate's head saying:

Ellie Jo Miller, 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.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister continues to pray:

Sustain *Ellie* 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.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized, saying:

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

Welcome

The presiding minister lights a candle and saying:

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized...*Ellie Jo Miller*.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of abundance, We give you thanks for the gifts of the earth and the gifts of your people. Knit us together as one in you that we may know connection, joy, and peace with all of creation. Amen.

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING:

May the God who holds creation tenderly bless you, keep you, and fill you with life, in the name of Christ, who grounds us, loves us, and draws us into joy.

THREEFOLD AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: *"Let All Things Now Living"*

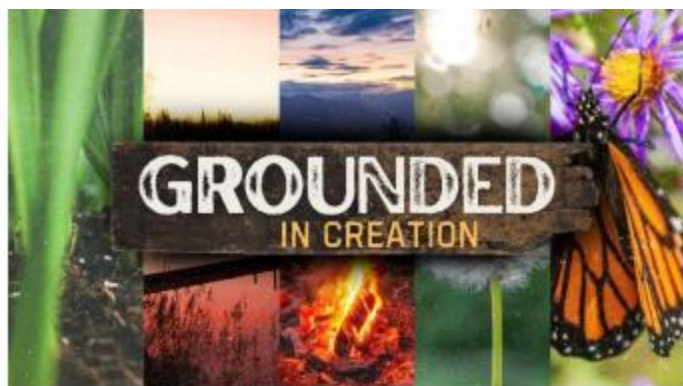
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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, care for creation. **Thanks be to God!**

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**Check the next page for
Creation activities you can do this week!**



Grounded In Creation- Week 4: Air

Touch – At some point today, pause and feel the air on your skin—wind on your face, hand out a car window, or breeze during a bike ride. Like the Divine, air surrounds and supports us, always present when we choose to notice.

Taste – Sit comfortably, close your eyes, and soften your gaze. Inhale through your mouth, exhale through your nose. Can you taste the air as it moves into your body?

Smell – Seek out a scent you enjoy today. Let it draw you into the present moment. Notice how the air carries it to you and how it can bring presence, pleasure, and gratitude.

Hear – Close your eyes and listen to your breath. Let its rhythm ground you in your body. Then step outside and hear both breath and breeze—our inner and outer lifeforce in harmony.

See – Return to your quiet spot. Watch how air moves through the world—rustling leaves, cooling your skin, or stirring stillness. Like the Spirit, air gives life, stirs change, and connects us to the Divine.