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SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION January 23, 2011 – 10:30 A.M.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany/Sacrament of Holy Baptism

No matter who you are, or where you are on your journey,
You are welcome here.

Those parts of the Worship Celebration in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.
****Please stand as you are able.***

GATHERING MUSIC 10:20 AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:25 AM

PRELUDE

"Little Children, Welcome" *Fred Pratt Green*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who have walked without light;
come to the Light that lives among us in Jesus Christ.
God is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life; I shall not be afraid.
Come, all who have quarreled or slandered another;
come to be united in one mind, one mission.
God invites us to find life's holy places;
we are welcomed to the joy and shelter of God's care.
Come, all who would heed the invitation of Jesus;
come together, to follow Jesus into the world.
God empowers us at the cross of Christ;
we are eager to receive Good News to share.

***OUR HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn # 312 "We Love Your Realm, O God" *Tune: St. Thomas*
(The congregation sings verses 1-5 only.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (pastor)

OUR COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose, but we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division. We quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith. Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body into Christ's death and resurrection. Teach us to hold fast to those promises which draw us together in the Spirit, so that we may proclaim the power of Christ's life and ministry with one voice. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE – SONG FOR MERCY (sung in unison)
RCC Worshipbook, p. 27

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & NEW LIFE** (pastor)

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**
***OUR SONG OF PEACE** (sung in unison)

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where is doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace, where there is despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light and where there is sadness ever joy.
O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***OUR BAPTISMAL HYMN**

Hymn # 327 "Jesus Loves Me" *Tune: Jesus Loves Me*
(Congregation sings verses 1-2 only.)

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
FOR
ISABELLA MILAGROS PEÑA
RCC Worshipbook, pp. 1-4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pastor)
SCRIPTURE READING
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

MESSAGE
"Called Together"

THE CALL TO A LIFE OF SHARING (pastor)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
"The Church's One Foundation" *Samuel J. Stone*

***OUR OFFERTORY RESPONSE**
Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth

O God, may we who bear your name
By gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.

***OUR PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (pastor)

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER
(We use the phrase, "And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.")

***OUR HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP**
Hymn # 495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" *Tune: Beecher*

***COMMISSIONING & BLESSING** (pastor)

POSTLUDE
"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" *Ronald S. Cole-Turner*