



The Baptismal Covenant Service

Jackson Edward Muhlithaler

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Community United Methodist Church
100 Park Boulevard Massapequa, NY 11758
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Introduction to the Service of Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Presentation of Candidate - Michelle Rabinowitz

I present Jackson Edward Muhlithaler for Baptism.

Born December 10, 2019, Jackson is the son of Christina Polidora and Jason Muhlithaler. Kristie McKeough and James Raniolo stand as his sponsors.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Christina, Jason, Kristie and James, as Jackson's parents and sponsors, on behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Jackson in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided
to accept God's grace for himself,
to profess his faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

To the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Jackson, Christina, Jason, Kristie and James now before you in
your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

A Traditional Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed in threefold question-and-answer form appeared
at least as early as the third century as a statement of faith used in
baptisms and has been widely used in baptisms ever since.*

*As we share this creed, we join with the universal church across the ages in
this historic affirmation of the Christian faith.*

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

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?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in 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 Over the Water

This prayer recalls scriptural images and meanings of Holy Baptism and is comparable to the Great Thanksgiving at Holy Communion.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and he who receives it,
to wash away his sin
and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
he may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Almighty God,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever.
Amen.**

Baptism and Blessing

Jackson Edward Muhlithaler, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit;
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

(laying hands on the newly baptized)

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Anointing)

Jackson Edward Muhlithaler, child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

(Presentation of Baptismal Candle)

Jackson Edward Muhlithaler, "Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father in heaven." **Amen.**

Commendation and Welcome

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism

**you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

***Hymn "God Claims You" The Faith We Sing #2249**

Words and Music: Stanley M. Farr

*Refrain: Jackson, Jackson, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.*

1. We this day do all agree
a child of God you'll always be. *Refrain*
2. We your family love you so,
we vow to help your faith to grow. *Refrain*
3. We are here to say this day
that we will help you on your way. *Refrain*
4. And if you should tire or cry
then we will sing this lullaby. *Refrain*

***Hymn "From the Day You Were Born"**