

JULY 25, 2021

# THE SACRAMENTS: STAYING CONNECTED TO GOD “THE 7 SACRAMENTS”



**“A holy life will produce the deepest impression.  
Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine.”-Dwight L. Moody**

## WELCOME

### PREPARE YOUR WORSHIP SPACE

**As we light this candle we pray for you to come,  
Holy Spirit. Fill this place. Fill our lives. Unite us as the  
Church of Jesus Christ. Set our hearts on fire. Amen.**

PRELUDE      *Immortal, Invisible*      arr. Peterson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Stay with Christ, and Christ will stay with you.  
**Listen for God, and God will speak.**  
Seek the Spirit, and the Spirit will be revealed.  
**For the Spirit is already here, inviting us to stay.**

HYMN    God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us  
no. 100, vs. 1,2,5

**God, whose love is reigning o'er us,  
source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus  
raised in joyful praise to you:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.**

**Word of God from nature bringing  
springtime green and autumn gold;  
mountain streams like children singing,  
ocean waves like thunder bold:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.**

**Lift we then our human voices  
in the songs that faith would bring;  
live we then in human choices  
lives that, like our music, sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see into our hearts. You see the true  
selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would  
destroy our images, the evils that lurk so deep within us  
we can scarcely name them, the unholy habits that  
have been with us so long that they no longer prick our  
consciences. But you also see in us Jesus Christ, the  
Holy One who took on our sin and covers us in his  
righteousness. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

SOLO RESPONSE      no. 397, vs. 4  
*I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows us better than we know ourselves,  
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.  
**By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy,  
we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are  
equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

### COMMISSIONING OF OUR YOUTH MISSION TEAM

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ  
are called into ministries of love and service by the  
example of Christ. These members of our faith  
community will soon begin their work with the  
Coatesville based agency Good Works, rebuilding  
homes, restoring lives, and offering relationships with  
dignity and love. They go on our behalf. They go as a  
response to the call of Christ, the call to come and  
follow, the call to go and make disciples.

Brothers and sisters of the Mission Team to a week of  
service with Good Works, thank you for taking on  
this important outreach. Our thoughts, prayers,  
and resources go with you. We pray the blessings of  
God and this community upon all that you do. In the  
words of John Wesley, as you go forth to meet the  
needs of a hurting world, "Offer them Christ."

**We recognize you as ambassadors of this  
congregation sent to bind the wounds of our  
neighbors and we dedicate you to service in the  
name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be  
united with you in your work. May God richly bless  
your labors.**

Hymn      no. 571, vs. 1,4

**"Go, make of all disciples."  
We hear the call, O Lord,  
that comes from thee, our Father,  
in thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning  
through earnest, fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living  
reveal thee everywhere.**

**"Go, make of all disciples."  
We welcome thy command.  
"Lo, I am with you always."  
We take Thy guiding hand.  
The task looms large before us;  
we follow without fear;  
in heaven and earth thy power  
shall bring God's kingdom here.**

Prayer

## MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

BAPTISM Wyatt James Crowley

### INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

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

Family: **We present Wyatt James Crowley for baptism.**

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 Wyatt 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.**

### CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT

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 Wyatt 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 Wyatt with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Eternal Father: 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 his 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 Christ's final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

### BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Wyatt James Crowley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ, Wyatt James Crowley.

### BAPTISM SONG "God Claims You" TFWS no. 2249, vs.1, 2

**Wyatt, Wyatt, God claims you,  
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.  
We this day do all agree  
A child of God you'll always be.**

**Wyatt, Wyatt, God claims you,  
God helps you protects you, and loves you too  
We your family love you so,  
We vow to help your faith to grow.**

**Wyatt, Wyatt, God claims you,  
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

MUSIC *Come, Thou Fount* arr. Craig Courtney  
Summer Choir

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.*

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above. Robert Robinson (1758)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Lord, your word is our source of light,  
enlightening our paths, erasing our blindness.  
In our reading, shine your truth.

**Speak to us boldly once again, that we may  
proclaim your truth with courage. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-24 CEB

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him. He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

#### HYMN O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread no. 613

**O Thou who this mysterious bread  
didst in Emmaus break,  
return, here with our souls to feed,  
and to thy followers speak.**

**Unseal the volume of thy grace,  
apply the gospel word;  
open our eyes to see thy face,  
our hearts to know the Lord.**

**Of thee communing still, we mourn  
till thou the veil remove;  
talk with us, and our hearts shall burn  
with flames of fervent love.**

**Enkindle now the heavenly zeal,  
and make thy mercy known,  
and give our pardoned souls to feel  
that God and love are one.**

#### SCRIPTURE Luke 24:25-32 CEB

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets. When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

MESSAGE *The Sacraments: Staying Connected to God  
The 7 Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation,  
Eucharist, Marriage, Holy Orders, Penance,  
and Anointing of the sick)*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER

##### OFFERING

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or by dropping it off at our office.)*

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with 348 member denominations and over 500 million  
members. The WCC helps us live out the intention of  
the high priestly prayer of Jesus that all of his followers  
would become one in him. (John 17:20-23) Through  
shared mission, education, worship, and fellowship  
unity grows in the Body of Christ around the globe.  
Thank you for your generosity. A more just and  
peaceful world grows because of your offerings.*

OFFERING VIDEO *Churches' Commitments to Children  
(a World Council of Churches initiative)*

##### OFFERING PRAYER

Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God.  
Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your  
mystery remains hidden and where your goodness is  
not yet known.

**Make us good stewards of your word.  
Make us responsible heirs of your promises,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*Glory to God Forever*

Steve Fee & Vicky Beeching

**Before the world was made, before you spoke it to be,  
you were the King of kings,  
yeah, you were, yeah, you were.  
And now you're reigning still,  
enthroned above all things,  
angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sin**

#### CHORUS

**Glory to God, Glory to God**

**Glory to God forever! (REPEAT)**

**Creator God you gave me breath so I could praise,  
your great and matchless name, all my days, all my  
days,  
so let my whole life be a blazing offering,  
a life that shouts and sings the greatness of the King!**

#### Chorus

**Take my life and let it be, all for You and for Your glory.  
Take my life and let it be Yours! (REPEAT)**

#### Chorus

### BENEDICTION

Go from this place, committed —

to learn and live God's will, to break bread and pray,

**to be awestruck by God's mighty deeds,**

**to share all things with one another,**

to reach out to those in need, and to do all things with  
glad and generous hearts. **Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*The Singing Trumpet*

Broughton

**Bold text indicates congregational response.**

Today we welcome into our church family through baptism, Wyatt James Crowley, son of Bill and Katie (Whitcraft) Crowley, and grandson of Jim and Madeline Whitcraft.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are presented in celebration of the baptism of Wyatt James Crowley, by his grandparents, Jim and Madeline Whitcraft.

#### **Worship Participants**

Message: Rev. Dr. Truman Brooks

Liturgist: Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley

Message for Growing Christians:

Kristi Largoza

Hymn Leader and Summer Choir Director:

Mike Muzzo

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Jake Joslin

#### **A Note About the World Council of Churches**

The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior according to the scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In seeking koinonia in faith and life, witness and service, the churches through the Council will:

- promote the prayerful search for forgiveness and reconciliation in a spirit of mutual accountability, the development of deeper relationships through theological dialogue, and the sharing of human, spiritual and material resources with one another;
- facilitate common witness in each place and in all places, and support each other in their work for mission and evangelism;
- express their commitment to diakonia in serving human need, breaking down barriers between people, promoting one human family in justice and peace, and upholding the integrity of creation, so that all may experience the fullness of life;
- nurture the growth of an ecumenical consciousness through processes of education and a vision of life in community rooted in each particular cultural context;
- assist each other in their relationships to and with people of other faith communities;
- foster renewal and growth in unity, worship, mission and service.

*(from the Constitution of the WCC, revised 2018)*

#### **Meditative Prayer**

*God, you are enough for us;*

*you give us rest in soft fields*

*and beside whispering streams;*

*you restore and renew us,*

*and lead us into life-giving ways;*

*When death and evil come close to us,*

*you carry us through,*

*you protect and comfort us;*

*when others seek to do us harm,*

*your grace uplifts and provides for us in public view;*

*you fill us with your strength*

*and we enjoy overflowing abundance;*

*We have confidence that your goodness and*

*compassion will fill our days,*

*and we will stay immersed in your life and presence forever. Amen.*

-A paraphrase of Psalm 23, posted on [Sacredise](https://sacredise.com), [sacredise.com](https://sacredise.com)