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**\*Hymn**

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

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**Rite of Baptism**

**Charlotte Teresa Downing  
Daughter of Cindy and Seth Downing**

INTRODUCTION TO THE BAPTISM

*The pastor makes the following statement to the congregation:*

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.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The pastor addresses the parents:*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the 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 Charlotte in Christ's holy Church,  
that by your teaching and example she may be guided  
to accept God's grace for herself,  
to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

*We will.*

*The pastor addresses 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 Charlotte 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 Charlotte with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that she may grow in her trust of God,  
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,  
that she may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

*The pastor addresses all:*

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 she who receives it,  
to wash away her sin  
and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life,  
that, dying and being raised with Christ,  
she may share in his final victory.

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

#### BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Charlotte Teresa Downing, 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,  
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 sister 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.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

**God Claims You**

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Charlotte, Charlotte, 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.  
Charlotte, Charlotte, God claims you.  
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,  
I commend Charlotte to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her faith,  
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses Charlotte:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

**Benediction**

Rev. Wines

*The rose bud on the altar is in honor of the baptism of Charlotte Downing.*

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*Prayer of the People (Ascension Sunday): by Rev Bryce Calder, posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website*