

Baptism of Henry George Cooper

Statement of Purpose

Sisters and Brothers, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation of Candidates

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church, I present for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism *Henry George Cooper*.

Profession of Faith and Promises of Parents

***Congregational Commitment**

As St. Paul's United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture this family within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God.

Affirmation of Faith VU 918

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

We believe in God:

***who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,***

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

***to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.***

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Act of Baptism

Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

Henry George Cooper, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessing

May the blessing of God, Source of Love, Jesus Christ, Love incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, Love's power, be with you today and always.

Amen.

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Henry, I mark you with the cross, the sign of Christ, Love Incarnate.

Amen.

Laying On of Hands

Henry George Cooper, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

Amen.

Lighting of a Candle

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

Amen.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

By one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body. We are children of the one God, Mother and Father of us all. We welcome you, Henry into the community of faith.

Blessing (Minister)

The grace of Christ attend us,

the love of God surround us,

the Holy Spirit keep us.

Amen