



February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *Come All You People* MV 2

Children's Time The Somewhat Sacramental Sacrilegious Sock Toss
RUC Outreach Committee & Friends

*Children's Hymn *We Are Marching / Siyahamba* VU 646

*Children and youth are invited downstairs for programing after this hymn.
There is also a family room through the door behind the piano where the
service can be seen and heard.*

Call to Worship Charles Hitschfeld, Lay Reader

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

**All: We come from the ends of the earth to this
place in this time to worship God.**

One: We come with our hopes and our fears, our joy
and our sorrow.

**All: May we meet on the mountaintop and return to
the valleys as a changed and changing people
of faith.**

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* VU 642

We Baptize a Child of God
(Please see Insert)

WILLIAM SHERRARD, Son of Dan and Mallory Sherrard

Hymn of Response *Child of Blessing* vss. 1-2 VU 444

Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Exodus 24: 12-18; Matthew 17: 1-9

Anthem *Come By Here* African American Spiritual,
arr. K.Peterson

Reflection "When Visions Speak" Rev. V. Oden

*Hymn of Response *Deep in Our Hearts* MV 154

We Respond with our Lives

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn *O God, Hear Our Prayer* VU 948

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment Charles Hitschfeld

Offering our Gifts

*Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-
transfer to: contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. We give
in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.*

*Heritage Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VU 651

*Benediction

*Musical Response *Prayer of Dedication* Inside back cover of VU

Postlude

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

“VU” refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

“MV” refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

***Welcome to Riverbend United Church
If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you.***

***All are welcome for coffee and Fellowship in the Gathering Room
following worship. Turn left as you exit the sanctuary.***

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22 at 7:00 pm



Hearing assistance is available.
Please ask at the sound booth.



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

February 19, 2023

Invitation

Presentation of the Child

William Daniel Sherrard

Son of Daniel Robert Sherrard & Mallory Christine Gray

Questions and Promises of the Parents:

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Yes, we do.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to
resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

Yes, we do.

Will you seek to follow the way of Jesus,
sharing the stories and the ways of our faith with your child,
growing together in faith, hope and love?

Yes, we will.

Promise of the Congregation:

Will you, the people of God in this place, offer your loving,
prayerful support of this child, doing all you can to nurture
him in the Christian life, supporting his parents on the
journey of faith?

**With God's help, we will share in caring for this child
and for all God's children, nurturing him in love that he
may grow in faith and be confirmed and strengthened in
the way that leads to abundant life.**

Pouring of the Water:

In the beginning, God's Spirit swept over the waters
bringing forth life; and God said, "It is good."

The waters of the Red Sea parted for the sake of freedom,
flowed from a rock in the wilderness to give life,
enfolding Jesus in the River Jordan at his baptism.

Water is vital to our faith, to the earth, to our lives.
Today we use water to bless this child
and welcome him into the body of Christ.

Prayer of the People:

**Eternal God, bless with your Holy Spirit this child
being baptized today. May the water that touches him
be your water of abundant life, that he may always be
nurtured in your love. Amen.**

The Baptism

Welcoming the Child
William Daniel

Hymn of Response *Child of Blessing vss. 1-2* VU 444

Minister:

Congregational Representatives:

*Rev. Valerie Oden
Matthew Schoenhardt
& Joanne Little*