

REAFFIRMATION/NEW MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION LITURGY

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the reaffirmation of Baptism we are invited 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. Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

I present Rebecca Nicholson for membership.

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 sins? **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.**

According to the grace given to you, will you be faithful of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world? **I will.**

(to the congregation): Will you support and encourage Rebecca in her 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.**

(to the congregation) Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Rebecca 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 Rebecca 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.

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, dead, and buried. The third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right

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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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray... UMH #36

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

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

Now it is our joy to welcome our sibling, Rebecca in Christ.

(Congregation) **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.**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of Christ’s universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strength its ministries? **I will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of the Roselle United Methodist congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

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

(Congregation) **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 the Roselle 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.**

BLESSING

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.

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