



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

Edmonton, AB

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

August 20, 2023



### Introduction

### Presentation of the Child

**Akusinachi Kelly Boluwatife Udeh**  
*Daughter of Peter and Onyi Udeh*

### 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?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

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

**We do, by the grace of God.**

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

**We will, by the grace of God.**

### Promise of the Congregation

Will you, the people of God in this place, offer your loving,  
prayerful care for this family, doing all you can to nurture  
them in the Christian life and support them on the journey of  
faith?

### Congregational Response

**With God's help, we will share in caring for this family  
and for all God's children, encouraging them that they  
may grow in love and be confirmed and strengthened in  
the way that leads to life eternal.**

### 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 her into the body of Christ.

### Prayer of the People

**Loving God, your blessing of life is evident in this  
precious child being baptized today. May your Holy  
Spirit move through this water, through the touch of  
human hands that care for her, through the love she will  
know as she grows all her days by your grace. In  
Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### The Baptism

### Laying on of Hands

### Welcoming the Child

**Akusinachi Kelly**

### Hymn of Blessing

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
Verses 1 & 4

**VU 444**

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