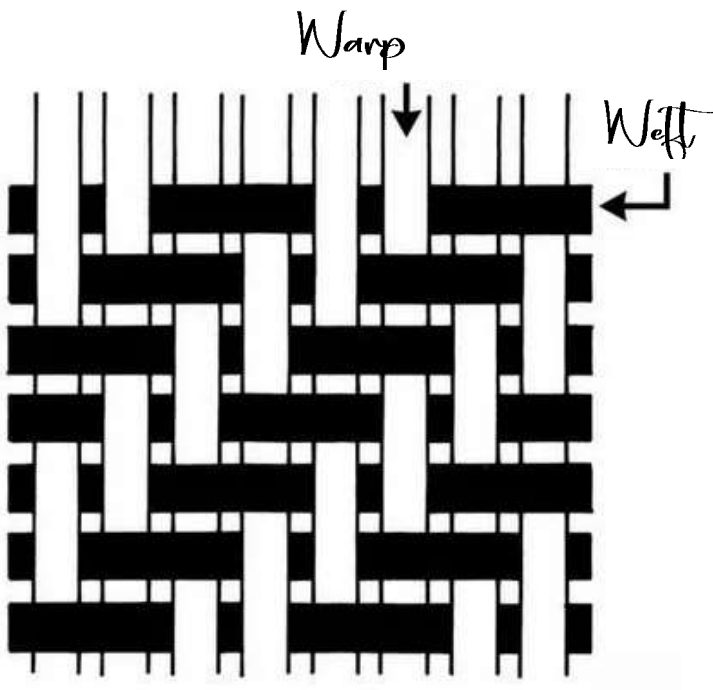


# Woven Together

O Spinner, Weaver, your loom is love.  
May we who are gathered here be empowered by that love  
to weave new patterns of Truth and Justice  
into a fabric that is warm and strong,  
beautiful and everlasting.



# Celebrating Our Baptismal Community

St. John's Church  
Powell, WY  
October 13, 2024

# Welcome

We are so happy you are with us. All you need to worship with us is in this bulletin. Please greet the person near you, stand and sit as you are comfortable, and bring your voice and heart to the service.

We are celebrating our Baptismal life, as a people woven together. At St. John's, **your baptism means full inclusion** into the Christian community – the tent flap is wide open, the welcome rug is laid out, and the tablecloth is spread.

Today we are especially happy to welcome **Hayes Randol** into our community through the waters of baptism.

**Weaving** is a method of textile production in which two distinct sets of yarns or threads are interlaced at right angles to form a fabric or cloth. The longitudinal threads are called the **warp** and the lateral threads are the **weft, woof, or filling**. Cloth is usually woven on a loom, a device that holds the warp threads taught and in place while weft threads are woven through them.

The art of weaving is a profound metaphor for understanding the workings of the universe and our place in it. It is the essential art of creating the unified one out of opposites for the benefit of something larger.

Dario Valcarenghi, in *Kilim History and Symbols*, sums it up in these words: "To produce the textile it is necessary for these two threads to be bound, otherwise each will remain a fragile and fluttering potentiality...if the meeting of opposites does not take place, nothing is created, for each element is defined by its opposite and takes its meaning from it."

Weaving is ubiquitous in our lives. Clothes, sheets, towels, furniture coverings, flags and rugs are all woven products. Weaving permeates our language. How many times have you used the phrase "woven together" or "weaves through" to imply an integration of elements? How about that familiar warning from Walter Scott – "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

We are bound to our bodies with fragile threads. Our skeleton is a loom on which every system is strung and woven with our blood. The meeting of opposite elements woven into a whole is the quest of every spiritual seeker.

It is a beautiful metaphor about how we embody Baptismal life.

As beloved, gifted people, we wrap ourselves like fibers in and out of the demands and responsibilities of our Baptisms to create a community that is warm and durable, beautiful and holy.

## Ministers

Altar Guild	Jane Woods
Sound	Steve Nickles
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Dillivan
Liturgy Greeter	Cynthia Garhart
Worship Leader	Kim Dillivan
Reader	Mark Smith
Preacher	Tim Glatzer
Intercessor	Jessica Smith
Presiders	Megan Nickles Susan McEvoy
Communion Servers	Jen Litterer-Trevino Oscar Trevino
Communion Bread	Jessica Smith
Coffee Hour	Sacred Land, Sacred Food Participants

## Prayers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff;  
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop;  
Chapel on the Plains, Medicine Bow

Rusty & Riley; Chris & Terri; Don S.,  
Deb & Donna; Andre & Syd;  
Bob & Charlotte; Kenny & Michael;  
Richard & Jennifer; Carolyn & Family;  
Lee & Kelly; Hunter, Charlotte & Mike;  
Hugh B. & Marge; Tim & Alex;  
Margie & Josey; Tim & Lynnae;  
Bobbi & Bentley

Patty, Don J., Cynthia W., Mary,  
Katy, Tuti Rosita, Marlynn, Douglas,  
Mickey, Mike G., Carra, Rob R.,  
Kathy E., Tammy, Cynthia G.,  
Bobby B., Larry, Irene, Nancy, Sue,  
Kahli, Ron and Jane  
Bennett, Daryn, Justin, Jacob,  
Patrick, Reece, Coleman, and Bryce  
who are serving in the military.

## Celebrations

Birthday: Martha Moewes—19<sup>th</sup>

# Prelude

“Threads of Life,” Lori Line.

# Hymn



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the  
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the  
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his  
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -  
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 8 D; Gaelic melody; acc. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

# Gathering

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us.**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Creator of all.**

Let us pray.

All praise and thanks to you, weaver of all creation,  
for adopting us as your own children,  
for entwining us into your holy Church,  
and for binding us together in unity and love. Amen.

## Hymn *We repeat the chorus after the last verse.*



Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth-er in un-i-ty and



lo - ve. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth-er. Weave us to- geth-er, to-



geth-er in love.

1. We are man-y te-xt-tures. We are man-y

2. We are different in-stru-ments, play - ing our own

3. Mo - ments a - go we did not



co- lors. Each one dif'rent from the o - ther. \_\_\_ But we are ent-

melodies, Each one tuned to a different key. \_\_\_ But we are all

know our unity only diver- si - ty. \_\_\_ Now the Christ in me



wined with one an- othe - er, in one great tap - es - try.

play - ing in har - mo - ny, in one great sym - pho - ny.

greet the Christ in you in one great fam - i - ly.

## Scripture

*We sit.*

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory, as a vision and voice blazed upon the waters.

May your spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in patterns of justice, right relationship, and peace.

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the Reading*

Word of God, Word of covenant.

Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

## Prayers

Holy God, at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, the Spirit descended,  
and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus  
for the healing of the human race  
and all creation.

By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission.  
We pray to you, God of covenant, saying,  
bind us together, O God, **and bless us with peace.**

*The intercessor continues, concluding with*

In the waters of Baptism, God's Holy Spirit comes to us  
and binds us to the body of Christ.

Let us give praise and thanksgiving for this miracle  
that makes wider and deeper  
the companionship we have with each other,  
through Jesus, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Candidate, sponsors and all children gather at the font.*

The Candidate will now be presented.

*Sponsors* I present Hayes to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness  
that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt  
and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

# Baptismal Covenant

Let us, the baptized, affirm our vows and commit our lives to Christ.

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, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God 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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and  
integrity of all creation?

**I will, with God's help.**

# Blessing Over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray.

As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism  
and will share with Hayes what we ourselves have received:  
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God,  
a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey.  
**God of love,**  
**we thank you for our calling to be disciples of Christ.**  
**Help us to nurture this family in the faith we share.**  
**May they grow to love, worship and serve you,**  
**and bring life to the world. Amen.**

*A blanket is presented to the newly baptized.*

May the warmth and durability of this blanket keep you bound to God  
and to this community. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

## Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We greet each other in the name of the Lord.*



## Announcements

### Offering

As people who have passed through the waters of baptism,  
let us make our grateful offering to God.

### Music

“Take Me to the Water,” Selma.

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of hope, in your Holy Spirit you hovered over the face of the waters in creation, and in your pillar of fire you led your people to liberation across the Red Sea. Through the waters you brought your people into the life and land of promise.

In your son's baptism at the Jordan we see your creative and liberating purpose at work amid our human flaws, and we hear anew with hope the promise of your voice.

In our own baptism you number us among your people, bound together for redemption and glory. Through baptism you bury us in death with Christ, yet raise us to new life with him forever.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

We remember when Jesus was sitting at supper with his disciples, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

This is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Blessing God, who sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your beloved, send your spirit among us now to sanctify us by your grace. By the power of that same spirit, make these gifts of bread and wine before us the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ.

*The Leader blesses the food for the pantry with these words*

Sanctify this food for all those who take it, and all those who have given it, that its nourishment may feed the hunger of the body and for the Word made flesh.

Master weaver, you have opened the tent of heaven and come among us. Bless all who long to be called beloved, by sibling or parent or spouse or friend or child, and any who are searching for the love that only you can bring, until all stand in your presence and sing your name, wrapped in the white garments of joy and enfolded by your embrace.

AMEN.

## *Lord's Prayer*

We pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking Bread

*The leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.*

*We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.*

**We are all one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*God's gifts for God's people.*

## Communion

*Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.*

*Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right.*

*You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust.*

*If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

## Music

*"Come to the Water," Glenn Draper Singers.*

*"Yiruma: River Flows in You," Hauser.*

## Gratitude

*We stand.*

*Let us pray.*

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life**

**and cup of salvation,**

**you have united us with Christ and one another,**

**and you have made us one with all your people**

**in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim**

**your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever**

**in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## Hymn



1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To  
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each  
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By



giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus  
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -  
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,  
seen, but al - ways near, Is in such friend - ship  
all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to



to re - call, In love laid down for me.  
ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
makes us one, And stran - gers now are friends.  
bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us here.  
give the world The love that makes us one.

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## Sending

At the weaving of creation, all our lives were intertwined:  
every tiny thread an offering to joyous variation.  
Go now, bound to one another, bound to God.  
**We go in the name of Jesus.**  
**Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

“Jesus, Lead Me to Your Healing Waters,” David Crowder Band.