



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

January 28, 2018

Invitation

Presentation of the Children

**William Jacob Smandych and Henry David Smandych**  
Children of David and Natalie (Sigalet) Smandych

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 these children, doing all you can to  
nurture them in the Christian life, supporting their parents on  
the journey of faith?

**With God's help, we will share in caring for these  
children and for all God's children, nurturing them in  
love that they 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 these children  
and welcome them into the body of Christ.

Prayer of the People:

**Loving God, bless with your Holy Spirit these children  
being baptized today. May the water that touches them  
be your water of life, that they may always be nourished  
in your love. Amen.**

The Baptism

Welcoming the Children  
*William and David*

Hymn of Blessing: *Wash, O God...* vss. 1 & 3 VU 442

*Ministers: Rev. Valerie Oden, Rev. Tom Sawyer*  
*Congregational Representatives: Tom and Sandy LaPointe*