

Focus Statement: As Jesus entered the waters of baptism, he was named and claimed as beloved before beginning his ministry in the challenges of the desert. In baptism, believers enter into the unknown path of ministry knowing there may be challenges, but assured of God's presence and love.

Encountering

Prelude

Opening Song *Come thou fount* VT 563

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.
Jesus emerges from the water.
And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.
"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water.

We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Engaging

Singing *How Great is Our God* VT 116
 The Water is Ready VT 458

Congregational Prayer

Sunday School Kick-Off

Children's Time

Offering *My Coins Count, Too*

Scripture Matthew 3: 11-13

Reflection

Song *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* VT 453

Baptism of Matthew Holsopple and Peter Shirk

Empowering

Congregational Covenant Commitment VT 932

Song *My soul cries out* VT 412

Sending Prayer

My Coins Count, Too by Les Gustafson-Zook

Chorus:

My coins count (2,3,4)
Sharing coins so kids can have a better life
My coins count (6,7,8)
We can make a difference in the world.

Verse 1:

Kids need water, water to drink!
Kids need food, food to eat!
Kids need a chance to go to school!
All around the world,

Verse 2:

Sharing our coins for water to drink!
Sharing our coins for food to eat!
Sharing a chance to go to school!
All around the world.



Worship Leader
Music Leader
Scripture Reader
Children's Time
Meditation
Prayers of the People
Zoom Hosts
Tech Components

Joe Yoder
Brody Thomas
Mike Eigsti
Naomi Yoder
Merle Hostetler
Naomi Yoder
Tony Janzen
Luke Holsopple,
Roger Mertz, Sam Woelk

Baptism Sunday

September 12, 2021
10:30 a.m. Worship
East Goshen Mennonite Church