

RECEPTION INTO LOCH RAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of Loch Raven United Methodist Church, Danielle Marie Oster, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, and your service?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this 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, and our service,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Pastoral 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.

The Baptismal Covenant & Reception into LRUMC

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated 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.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present Danielle Marie Oster, Deonna Marie Steele, and Dakota Lee Steele for Baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents, sponsors, and candidates who can answer for themselves.

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 sin?

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.

The pastor addresses parents and sponsors of candidates not able to answer for themselves.

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy church,
that by your teaching and example
he may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons 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 these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.**

The pastor addresses candidates who can answer for themselves:

According to the grace given you, Danielle Marie Oster will you remain a faithful
member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the
world?

I will.

To the Godparents and other sponsors:

Will you who support these candidates encourage them in their Christian lives?

We will.

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

As the individuals are baptized, the pastor says:

Danielle Marie Oster; Deonna Marie Steele; Dakota Lee Steele; I baptize you in
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Immediately after the administration of the water, the pastor and others, if desired, place
hands on the head of each candidate, as the pastor says to each:*

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

Amen.

*When all the candidates have been baptized, the pastor invites the congregation to welcome
them:*

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters in Christ.

The people respond:

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 members of the family of Christ.**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of the universal church, Danielle Marie Oster,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.