

***For Journey to the Jordan
Messy Church Global Adventure
Renewal of Baptism***

You are invited to take a moment and use your imagination--- Think about the times when you have played in the water—perhaps it was recently or a very long time ago? I wonder what it felt like to splash in the water? I wonder if you had fun? I wonder what the water felt like on your skin?

We have heard about the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, we have explored some of the rivers of the United States and traveled to the Pacific Ocean. Now we are invited to go and get a cup/ bowl/ glass of water that you can use as we, together, renew our baptism. We'll wait for you—go get some water.

Pause for 2-3 minutes)

First we are going to bless the water that we have in front of us. Your response when you hear the word "Together" is **"God's Love flows through the water"**

****Prayer of blessing the Water***

In the beginning water cradled us in the womb
Holding us in suspension until we burst forth in the waters of Birth

Together...**God's love flows through the water**

In the desert a small drop of water causes life to bloom
A tiny drop of water can quench our burning thirst for justice

Together...**God's love flows through the water**

In the roots of our being water provides sustenance
Without water our lives would shrivel and wither

Together...**God's love flows through the water**

In the times when we feel sullied and broken
We long to be reawakened by soaking in forgiving, transforming love

Together...**God's love flows through the water**

All water is holy.
A sign that we have passed through troubles,
That we have been refreshed by a gift of life

*Prayer of Blessing Water written by Roberta J. Egli
For Reconciling Ministries Worship at General Conference
Pittsburgh, 2004*

Sustained by a love poured over us.

Together...**God's love flows through the water**

In the aftermath of water...

Flowing, pouring, falling, dropping, gushing, spilling, surging, tumbling,
showering...

is the rainbow sign of God's continuing love at work within us and through us.

Together...**God's love flows through the water**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this gift of water.

Recall for us the grace we received at our baptism.

Anoint us once again with an identity based in our belovedness.

Form us as a beloved community, that we may proclaim the mighty
acts of Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Renew within us our commitment to go forth in ministry to all the earth,
to become the hands and feet of Christ to those who are in need.

My Friends, give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*You are invited to put your fingers in the water—feel it—if you would like- you can
use your wet finger to make the sign of the cross on your hand or your forehead*