

# LITURGY OF RECEIVING A FAITHCHEST

## Presented in Worship to a Child or Adult Baptized

**Pastor:** God's promise in baptism is to be with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of baptized) always with grace, forgiveness, love, and renewal through the Holy Spirit. That promise is sealed with the cross of Christ Jesus. It is our promise as a congregation to strengthen and equip the parents and extended family to nurture and pass on the faith to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of baptized). A gift from the congregation to assist the family to practice the faith and grow with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of baptized) is a FaithChest.

**Lay Leader/Maker of FaithChest:** (Presents FaithChest to Family or Adult Baptized)

This FaithChest is a symbol of the presence of God in your home much like the Ark of the Covenant was to the Children of Israel on their faith journeys. God has called every Christian to pass on the faith from milestone to milestone and generation to generation. May the gift of the FaithChest always be a reminder of God's promises in your home and throughout \_\_\_\_\_ (name of baptized) faith journey. Fill this FaithChest with symbols, memorabilia, and rich stories of God's faithfulness this journey in Christ.

(optional): Lay Leader names those who build the FaithChest or has them stand.

**Family:** *In we gratitude and thanksgiving to God we receive this gift supporting us in our promise to nurture and pass on the faith in our home.*

**Pastor:** Let us pray: We rejoice in your faithfulness, O God, Holy Trinity. Pour out your Holy Spirit and bless this family as they walk wet with the splash of your promise and grow in faith, hope, and love. Strengthen this congregation to support children, youth, and their families as they journey together in faith and live out their baptismal promises. May everything we do in home, congregation, and community reflect the glory of your gracious and abundant love. We pray and praise you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.