



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 12, 2020

The Baptism of Christ

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 29 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings; ascribe to God glory and strength.

**P: Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; worship the most High in the beauty of holiness.**

L: The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; God is upon the mighty waters.

**P: The voice of God is a powerful voice; the voice of God is a voice of splendor.**

L: The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**P: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness;  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**P: The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**

L: And in the temple of the Holy One, all are crying, "Glory!"

**P: God sits enthroned above the flood, enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.**

L: God shall give strength to the people;

**P: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

*At the time of the Children's Sermon, we will instead renew our Baptismal Vows*

LITANY OF BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

L: Lord and life-giving Spirit, who brooded over the waters when first the world began:

**All: Help us renounce evil and receive new life in Christ.**

L: Who led your people out of slavery through the waters of the Red Sea and into freedom through the waters of the Jordan: who overshadowed Mary of Nazareth and caused her to be the mother of Jesus.

**All: Help us renounce evil and receive new life in Christ.**

L: Who anointed Jesus as Messiah as he was baptized by John in the Jordan: Who raised Jesus Christ from the grave and proclaimed Christ "Son of God" in all power over the living and the dead.

**All: Help us renounce evil and receive new life in Christ.**

L: Who appeared in tongues of flame on Pentecost: Who charges the waters of baptism through and through with power to give new life.

**All: Help us renounce evil and receive new life in Christ.**

L: Lord, hear our prayer.

**All: Let our cry come to You.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you

**P: And also with you.**

*Please stand.*

\* THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*As we sing, Rev. Corzine will share the water of baptism with all using these words:*

Leader: Remember your baptism and keep it holy.

**All: Amen.**

We have put on Christ this day, sing al-le-lu-ia and re-joice. We have been baptized in Him; sing al-le-lu-ia and re-joice. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, sing al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, sing al-le-lu-ia!

\* CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, who out of pure mercy decreed both the creation and the renewal of the world, be present and active in the sacraments which you have instituted for our salvation. Send forth the Spirit of adoption in full measure that those who are born of water and the Spirit may live under the power of the same Spirit all the days of their life and so arrive safely in their heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Readings.*

THE FIRST READING                      Isaiah 42:1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

THE SECOND READING                      Matthew 3:13–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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## OFFERTORY HYMN 157

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*Morning Star*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant and preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Kelly Dodd, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Liturgist: Elisha Hardekopf

Communion Preparation / Refreshments: Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen