

MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 13, 2019

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 celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR BENNETT EMILIA ROWLEY

WELCOME

Leader: ...But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

L: ...and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

L: ...to the one about to be baptized, as Bennett lives and grows in Christ?

**P: We promise our love, support and care.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: ...in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you

P: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: ...this newest member of the body of Christ.

P: **Give to Bennett strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

\* THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Rev. Ahrens

*As we sing, Rev. Ahrens 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 bap  
 tized 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

Rev. Corzine

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 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

THE SECOND READING Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

HOMILY

“In Deep”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

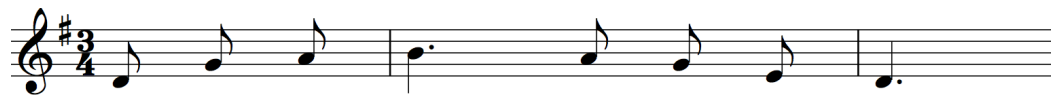
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OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn of Water and Spirit

*O Waly, Waly*

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1. When you were born, our hearts took wing,  
 2. Re - mem - ber now this grace, this gift,  
 3. Far from this font, your feet will trod,  
 4. Hold fast to what is good and true,  
 5. When time has passed, and you are old,



to dance and laugh, to love and sing,  
 as we our voice, and spi - rits lift.  
 in hard times you may ques - tion God.  
 Bring hurt to none, for hur - ting you.  
 with no one's ba - by left to hold,



You made our lives com - plete in joy,  
 We hold you close to shield life's hurt,  
 But ne'er for - get this wa - ter gift.  
 Streng - then the weak, up - hold the poor,  
 thank God and walk your fi - nal mile,



come now re - ceive this wa - ter joy.  
 and ce - le - brate your se - cond birth.  
 And let God's spi - rit heal all rifts.  
 And live your faith for - ev - er - more.  
 live in E - ter - nal bliss and smile.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *celebrant*

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Geoff Dean, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Liturgist: Kelly Dodd

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Kelly Dodd

2019 Nominations Slate

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Music, Arts and Heritage Elect:	David Mailer

At-Large Members:

Youth at Large:	Alex Palmer
Member at Large:	Pavan Peter

Nominating Chair:	Joe Baszynski
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Deacons:	Carol Ernst-King, Sarah Giffen, Lanier Holt (two-year term) Marc Sholl, Andy Smith-Verhage, Al Waddell
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Trustees:	Allen Baker and Kevin Cubick
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