

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Jan. 10, 2021

9:30 AM

*"We are a community in Christ, called to love our neighbors."*

## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

### **EXPRESSING OUR LOVE**

*(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT #27** (NCH-Black)

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 29)

Give to our God, O heavenly beings,

Give to our God glory and strength.

**Give to our God a glorious name;  
worship our God in holy splendor.**

The voice of our God is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of our God is powerful;  
the voice of our God is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
Our God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of our God flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
Our God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.**

May our God give strength to the people!  
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

**HYMN #419** (NCH-Black)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we hear your voice  
and we see the way of Jesus set before us.  
But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again  
to live up to our baptismal vows  
and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.  
In repentance we ask you to forgive us.  
Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE #338 (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

### GROWING IN OUR FAITH

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1: 4-11  
Acts 19: 1-7

#### A MESSAGE FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

#### SERMON

"Different Waters"

#### HYMN # 13 (NCH-Black)

"O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"

### PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780 Doxology (NCH – Black)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, O heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received.  
We thank you that you claim us,  
that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us,  
that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.  
In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.

Establish us to be places of refreshment.  
Root us and nurture us in love,  
that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you.  
Fill us with your fullness  
that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.

**HYMN #202 (UCC-Red)** "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

### **BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812** (NCH-Black) "Threefold Amen"  
Amen, Amen, Amen

### **POSTLUDE**

\*For those who are able, please stand.

**WE EXTEND THE HAND** of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 9:30 A.M., go to the church website, [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org). Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.

**OUR THANKS** to Michael Mario, Kyle Washburn, and Carol Richardson for their participation in our service this morning.

**COFFEE HOUR AT 8:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING.** We will be holding a Zoom Coffee Hour starting at 8:30 am on Sunday morning. Diane will be sending out individual invitations to join the Zoom group. Please let her know of your interest in joining. A phone number to call with the ability to join in by voice will be included in the invitation. You can reach Diane at 885-4392 or [holmelaw@vermontel.net](mailto:holmelaw@vermontel.net) All are invited.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED!** Please call Cynthia King, 885-5831, if you would like to sign up for flowers.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>	Trish Spence	Suerae Ballard
	All others in need	Debbie Stoodley, sister of Patti Kemp
	Pat Townsend & family	Lyle Wood & family

### **COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!**

Jan. 10	Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM
Jan. 17	Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM
Jan. 20	Annual Meeting	7:00 PM

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M

### **STAFF**

Pastor: Michael Mario  
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell  
Sexton: Todd Murray