

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025
(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Arr. Callahan
Dennis Raley, Music Director

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait for you, O God, as in the silent watches of the night. Come and make your presence known here among us, as we offer you our praise and, indeed, our very lives; for we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN #408 *Gift of Love*

SCOUT SUNDAY RECOGNITION

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (p. 1047)

A MESSAGE FOR TODAY "Love Never Ends"

PRAYER Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Power and the Glory* Smith



Thank you for coming this morning. Though it is winter outside, we hope you will feel the warmth of God's love today! You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Boy Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my
country and to obey the Scout
Law;
To help other people at all
times;
To keep myself physically
strong, mentally awake and
morally straight.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy,
- Loyal,
- Helpful,
- Friendly,
- Courteous,
- Kind,
- Obedient,
- Cheerful,
- Thrifty,
- Brave,
- Clean,
- and Reverent.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout
Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest
and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say
and do,
and to respect myself and
others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better
place, and be a sister to every
Girl Scout.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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As we enter the sanctuary to praise God and the prelude begins, please observe a respectful silence for the sake of those who use this time for prayer and meditation.

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BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Loving Spirit* Murray/Copes

GATHERING WORDS *Bethany Gates Parks, Lay Reader*

*OPENING HYMN #408 *Gift of Love*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction

Questions for the New Members

Statement of Our Faith #882 *The Apostles' Creed*

Response of the Congregation

We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and our prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in his knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.

Prayer of Reception

Right Hand of Christian Fellowship

*HYMN #555 *Forward Through the Ages*

YOUTH MOMENT *Scout Sunday Recognition*

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalm 71:1-6 (p. 521)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (p. 1047)*

SERMON "Love Never Ends" *Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna*

COMMUNION HYMN #641 *Fill My Cup (sing 2 times)*
(You may remain seated)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM *In You, We Are One* *Jay Althouse*

*CLOSING HYMN #668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Alleluia, Amen*

As the postlude begins, please remain in your seats and enjoy the special music as you reflect on this morning's service.

POSTLUDE *The Power and the Glory* *Smith*



The flowers are given by **Bethany Gates Parks** in honor of our **Past & Present Scouts and Leaders** (Her dad was a boy scout leader) and in celebration of our **New Members, one very special to her... Barbara Paddon.**

Our Ushers this morning are **John & Diane deLaura.**

Thank you to **Jim Caronna** for doing the **live stream** today.

A Heartfelt welcome to our new **Music Director, Dennis Raley.**

Dennis recently moved to Connecticut from North Carolina and has been a church musician for over fifty years. He received his BA in Music from Towson University in Maryland and MA from Queens College (CUNY). Dennis is semi-retired and works remotely part-time for a Christian Radio Network based in North Carolina.

Welcome to the newest members of our DRCC Family: Kevin Blodgett, Kim Ferraiolo, Chelsey Hood, Charles A. Johnston, Christopher Koritkoski, Robert Martin, Nick Martin, Lauren Nichols, Joyce Ostering, Julie Pauley, Barbara Paddon, Jacqueline (Jacqui) Pollard, Kaitlyn Roig, Cheryl Tilney, Lynnette Thompson, and Judith Tower.