

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025
(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE

Dennis Raley, Organist

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal and Almighty God, we praise you that you cause the sun to rise to bring us the light of this new day and that you raised Christ from the dead to bring us new life. May our lives always face his brightness so we may go wherever he leads, serving in gladness and peace. Amen.

HYMN #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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 *Matthew 3:13-17, 21-22 (p. 879)*

A MESSAGE FOR TODAY *"Baptized!"*

PRAYER

Rev. Timothy Haut

HYMN #604 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

BENEDICTION



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WE ARE GRATEFUL!



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
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PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Arr. Hustad
Dennis Raley, Organist

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *We Come to Worship* Nancy Price/Don Besig

GATHERING WORDS Alison Karam, Lay Reader

*OPENING HYMN #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Cheryl Caronna

PRAYER

*HYMN #723 *Shall We Gather at the River*
(Our children will be excused to their Sunday School classes.)

A PSALM FOR TODAY Psalm 29 (p. 761, Red Hymnal)

*RESPONSE *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.

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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Amen.

*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.

ANTHEM *Be Not Afraid* Craig Courtney

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 43:1-7* (p. 658)

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3:13-17, 21-22* (.p. 879)

SERMON "Baptized!" Rev. Timothy Haut

*CLOSING HYMN #604 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING *May the Peace of God Be With Us* Price/Besig

POSTLUDE *Fugue in F* Handel

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The Flowers are given by the Stewardship Committee in gratefulness for the magnificent generosity of our congregation which shows the love we have for our Deep River Church and Jesus Christ who guides us everyday.

Thank you to **Dennis Raley** for directing the choir and playing the organ for our services today.

Our **Ushers** this morning are **Heidi Lee** and **Jane Syme**.

Thank you to **Luther Moen** for doing the **live stream** today.

Deacons on Duty for January 2025

Sally Marston is **Deacon on Call**, **Gary Savona** is **Sanctuary Rep.**, and **Carol Zuppe** is arranging for **Lay Readers** and **Flowers**.

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All Boards Meeting Today

The annual **All Boards Meeting of the church will be held after church today, following Coffee Hour**. All elected committee and board members are asked to gather in the Upper Room at 11:30 a.m. We will divide into individual boards and committees to organize, elect officers, and plan for the year to come.

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