
+ **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, SAUGUS, MASSACHUSETTS

Service of Worship 10 a.m.
Baptism of Jesus Sunday, January 13, 2019

*Indicates for those who are able to, please stand.
Bold print indicates congregational response.
NCH = New Century Hymnal (black cover)
HOP = Spiral bound cover

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Jenn Macy

CALL TO WORSHIP ("Psalm 29"):

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

P: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

P: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

L: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

P: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***OPENING HYMN:**

**Over my head, I hear music in the air (x3)
There must be a God somewhere**

**Over my head, I see stars in the air (x3)
There must be a God somewhere**

Over my head, I feel trouble in the air (x3)

There must be a God somewhere

**Over my head, I hear voices in the air (x3)
There must be a God somewhere**

Confession (unison):

We can be stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own desires.

Help us to desire you, Lord.

Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.

Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.

Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Thy Word" HOP 92

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
(2x)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORY TO GOD "Holy, Holy, Holy" NCH #277**

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! Early in the morning we praise your majesty./ Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty/ God in three persons/ blessed Trinity!

(Children go to Sunday School.)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 3: 15-22 (SP, LP)

(SP=Small print Bible; LP=Large print Bible)

SERMON: "This I Believe"

Rev. Jenn Macy

PRAYER INTRO: "Sanctuary" HOP 135

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary/pure and holy, tried and true./With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Take My Life & Let it Be" HOP 129
Take my life and let it be/Consecrated Lord, to thee./ Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love/ At the impulse of thy love.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: NCH #778 lyrics; NCH 780 tune
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: "We Walk the Way"

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING ("God, we will try"), in unison:
God of Baptism, we will try to remember that baptism is not just a ritual for one day, but a covenant for a lifetime. Help us in our trying. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



**Baptism of Jesus Sunday
January 13, 2019**



First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
300 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906
Rev. Jenn Macy
Office 781-233-3028
Vanessa Byrne, Secretary
Rebecca Harrold, Music Director/Pianist
E-mail address: uccsaugus@verizon.net
Website: <http://1stchurchsaugus.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uccsaugus>
Healing Circle: <https://facebook.com/healingcirclesaugus>