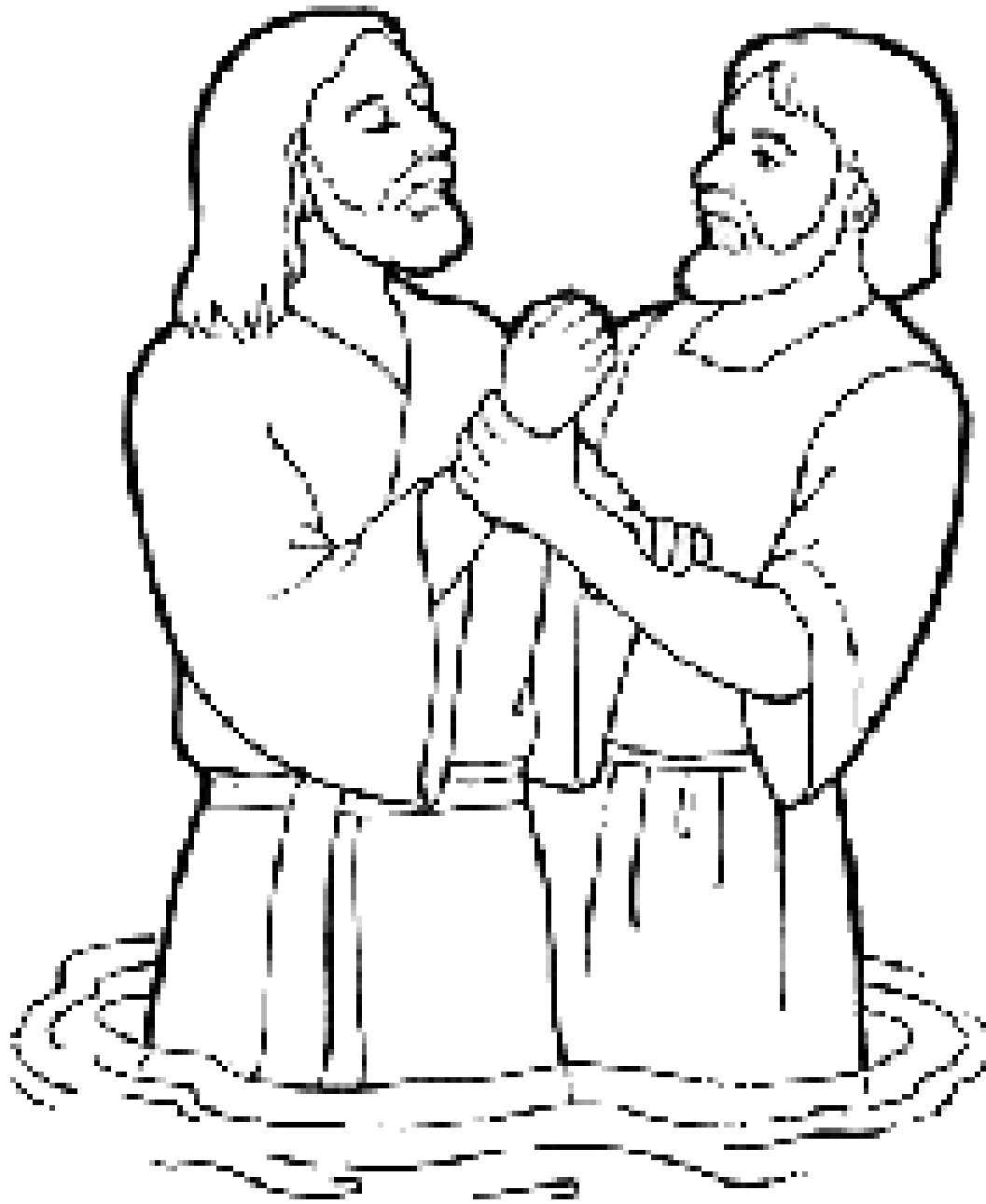


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January 22, 2017 Third Sunday after Epiphany



ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education. In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God, Christian fellowship and service to others. In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.

WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

POSTLUDE

*HYMN (insert)

"Gather us in"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:

I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

All: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.

By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.

One: God Takes us by the hand and leads us.

In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

All: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.

Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.

One: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.

Listen for the new thing God declares.

All: We remember that we have been baptized.

May we live as those with whom God is pleased.

*INVOCATION

Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than dimly burning wicks. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #759 Gloria Patri

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all,

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, we offer you our gifts with thanks and praise, be with us and guide us all of our days. Teach us how to love each other, and to shine your light into the world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ken Williams

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

(Children are excused to go to their classes at this time.)

HYMN (insert)

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:1-9

(O.T. p. 743)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 3:13-17

(N.T.p.3)

SERMON

"Baptism of Resistance"

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Deep Waters"

Pepper Choplin

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

How can we share the message that God is impartial, that justice and peace are God's intentions for all humankind? We combine our individual efforts through the church, joining programs, projects, and outreach that reflects God's light into the world. Our gifts of gratitude are one way of sharing.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #780,

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you. We bring them to encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf, that they may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

***HYMN #543**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Dona Nobis Pacem

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

LAY READER

USHERS

GREETER(s)

PASTOR

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