

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
November 17, 2013

Those who are able may stand where marked ().*

*Gathering #592 “Jesus Calls Us” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements and Opening Prayer *Phil Krill*

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Call to Worship

One: We are a people of water! We worship a God
whose love flows through water.

**All: Love, like the water in which we take form,
holds us in safety, softens our world
until we can live on our own.**

One: We are a people of water! We worship a God
whose love flows through water.

**All: Love like a puddle inspires our delight—we jump,
we splash, we dance with wild, wet joy.**

One: We are a people of water! We worship a God
whose love flows through water.

**All: Love, like a steaming shower
at the end of a long day's work—
it cleans us, relaxes our muscles, wakes us up.**

One: We are a people of water! We worship a God
whose love flows through water.

**All: Love, like the holy, delightful water of baptism
drops like the gentle rain from loving fingertips
on our forehead.**

One: This is the water of baptism.

In this water, Christ is with us!

All: In this water, Christ is with us, indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn #465 “Baptized in Water”

Anthem “Crystal River” *Myers/Sorenson*

Children’s Time

Baptism of Brayden James Smith *(insert)*

Let us pray for Brayden, who has been baptized today.

**We give you thanks, Great Loving One, for the gift of this
precious child, and for your kindness, which embraces us
through this water and through your Holy Spirit. Help us,
your grateful sons and daughters, to love our brother
Brayden. Help us to welcome, nurture and befriend him as he
grows in the body of Christ. Give Brayden, who is baptized
today: strength for life’s journey, courage in suffering, the
joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life;
through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

Moments of Concern and Celebration

(Please fill out a blue card in the pew)

Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music “Offertory” *Beck*

*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: “Out of the Boat”

Hymn #750 “Peace like a River”

*Benediction

*Response #592 “Jesus Calls Us” *vs. 3, 4*

*Postlude and Ministry of the Acolyte