



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership, and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We welcome you this day and are glad you made the choice to join us for this live stream worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

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## **SUNDAY MORNING LIVE STREAM WORSHIP**

**10:00 a.m.**

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11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## VIDEO WELCOME

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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## PRELUDE

*Silent Night*  
Tessa Laffan, flute

## HYMN

*In Christ Called To Baptize*  
Tune: St. Denio

**In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace  
and gather a people from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,  
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.  
Although we are many, we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**

**In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

**Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us, around us, above.  
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.**

## GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Patrick Collins

**God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, joys, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this new year into an awareness of your deep presence in our lives.**

**Help us to grow and transform this year, to know and to love ourselves, so that we may do as we are called, to love our neighbors. May your eternal loving presence be made known to us during this sacred time and may our lives be enriched by your love and grace. In your holy and eternal name we pray. Amen.**

## **SACRED CONVERSATION**

Rev. Patrick Collins  
Rev. Casey Tinnin

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Genesis 1: 1-7*  
New International Version  
Pat Larrabee

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

## **ANTHEM**

*Christmas Joy*  
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)  
The Chancel Choir Quartet

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Mark 1: 4-12*  
New International Version

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather

belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

## **MESSAGE**

*Sacred Identities*  
Rev. Patrick Collins

## **MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION**

*All The Water In The World*  
George Ella Lyon & Katherine Tillotson  
Reading & Digital Production: Glen Thomas Rideout

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gillian Woodman

## **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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

*Source And Sovereign, Rock And Cloud*  
Tune: Aberystwyth

**Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:**

### **Refrain:**

**May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.**

**Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,  
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I am: (Refrain)**

**Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,  
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire: (Refrain)**

## BENEDICTION

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## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Deck The Halls*  
Tessa Laffan, flute

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