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(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS+ JANUARY 15, 2023

Welcome to Our Guests!

*We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church...
if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!*

Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Hymn

Wash O God Your Sons and Daughters

CH365

Opening Prayer

**Creator God, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past.
In the Spirit's power Jesus was declared your beloved Child; as we recall our own
baptisms, may we grow ever more faithfully as disciples of the Anointed One. Amen.**

Remembering our Baptisms

Alleluia! We praise you for the gift of water!

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Musical Response

Celtic Alleluia

F. O'Carroll

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

This li - ttle light of mine I'm gon-nalet it shine. This li - ttle light of mine
Ev - 'ry where I go I'm gon-nalet it shine. Ev - 'ry where I go
Je - sus gave it to me I'm gon-nalet it shine. Je - sus gave it to me

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
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Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalter

Psalm 29

CH737

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Reflection

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price

Hear us, O Lord, as we come now in prayer, shar - ing our joys, our trou- bles, and our cares.

9 Help us, O Lord, to be o - pen to your word, and teach us to put our trust in you.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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/sins/trespasses,
 as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/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, forever. Amen.**

Offering Hymn

In the Love of Jesus
 Cheryl Chase and Laurel Thurman

*Offerings may be placed in the collection plates,
 mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC, Box 36, Mansfield Center, CT 06250,
 or given online at www.myfcc.info*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise

5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Receive our gifts, O God. May they be used to show forth to the world the greatness of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, your perfect gift. Amen.

Hymn

Wade in the Water

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Benediction

Sharing the Gift of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!