

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**August 8, 2021**

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #209 “This Is the Day”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading:

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  
in which we are baptized—it drops like gentle rain  
from loving fingertips to our waiting 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 #719 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Sacrament of Baptism (*see insert*)

Pastor: Let us pray for Asa, who has been baptized today.

**People: 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 sister Asa. Help us to welcome, nurture and befriend  
her as she grows in the body of Christ. Give Asa, 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.**

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

\*Doxology and Offering prayer

\*Hymn #572 “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon “growing up loved”

\*Hymn #793 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

\*Benediction

\*Response #425 “Bind Us Together”

Postlude

*Scriptures for Sunday, August 15: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14;  
Psalm 111 or Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm: 34:9-14;  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*