

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

August 24, 2014

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

Gathering #214 “He Has Made Me Glad”

Welcome, Announcements *Ann Craxton*

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Opening Prayer *Ann Craxton*

*Hymn #23 “The God of Abraham Praise”

Special Music

Moments of Concern and Celebration
(please fill out a blue card in the pew)
Pastoral Prayer
Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music
*Doxology #815
*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #617 “Near to the Heart of God”

Scripture Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon “Midwives”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 124

One: If God had not been with us
—let all the people say—

**All: If God had not been with us
when our enemies attacked us,
they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger was kindled against us.**

One: The flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us.

All: The raging waters would have gone over us.

One: Blessed be our Sovereign God, who has not given us
as prey to our enemies’ teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare.

**All: The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in you alone, O God,
creator of heaven and earth. Amen**

*Hymn #612 “In This Very Room”

*Benediction

*Response #456 “Find Us Faithful”

*Ministry of the Acolyte

Postlude

*We offer our thanks to Mary Sturtevant
who is bringing us our special music today.*