

**The First Congregational Church**  
January 10, 2021

**Kent, Connecticut**  
10:00 AM

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

*A Community of Faith, Service and Love*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN # 106 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

OPENING PRAYER

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with your Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, for in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI (#734)

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him. "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son. The Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

HYMN #241

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins,

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who 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

Invitation

Doxology (#34)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN # 317

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless king, through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;

His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;

No angles in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But down-ward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

They praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE:

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Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: John Paul Zurlo

Soloist: Veralyn Davee

Video Team: Jennifer Moros and Bethany Keck

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**WE WELCOME ALL** who are worshipping with us via the internet.

### Prayer List:

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, prayers for PPE, treatments, vaccines, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Food service people, truck drivers, all those out of work, Robert, John, George, Don, Leslie.

Please mail your offering in weekly/monthly

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