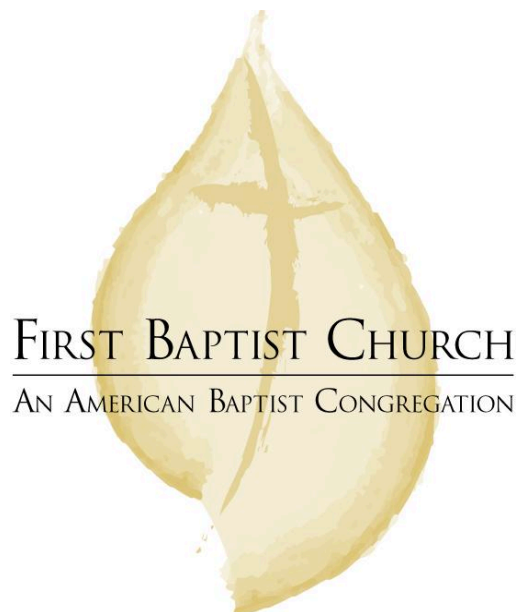




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[I John 3]...does not really ask for strong political response or a powerful momentous action. It calls for the people who have resources and goods to open their hearts to the people who have need. Love, then, is an activity of movement or a response, not so much a doctrine, a sermon, or a legal document....Love is not only a word; it is a deed.

– Claudia Highbaugh

Gathering Music

“It Is Well with My Soul”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Tenderness Op. 68 No. 3”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Anne Munsterman

Psalm 66

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what the Lord has done for me.

People: Truly God has listened and given heed to the words of my prayer.

Leader: You are blessed, O God, because you have not rejected my prayer, or removed your steadfast love from me.

People: I will come into your house and pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 210)

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

DUKE STREET

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 206 v. 2)

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

W ZLOBIE LEZY, alt.

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

John 15.10–17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Response to the Gospel

“I’ve Got the Joy”

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Children’s Sermon

* *In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“Fill-a-Me Up”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Litany of Affirmation

Rev. Steven Jones

Leader: Now, who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right? Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.

People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.

Leader: Keep your conscience clear, so that those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.

Leader: Baptism now saves you, as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.

Leader: Christ has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to God.

People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.

Morning Prayer and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response (CONGR 386 vv. 1-2)

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

ST. AGNES

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Pastorale for Mother's Day”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

I John 3.16-4.6

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

“The Movement Continues: Antichrists Among Us”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 249)

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”
AZMON

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

* Postlude

“Rise Up in Glory”

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Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Bell Choir Director: Becky Harris • Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

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American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Harry Riggs, II,
serving the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut

International Ministries Global Servant: Rodney Ragwan, serving as a global theological educator

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