



*First Church of
Christ
Congregational
Suffield, CT*

*An Open & Affirming Congregation of
the United Church of Christ*

Sept 26 2021

PRELUDE

“Saraband”

G.F. Handel

WELCOME

We are glad you are worshipping with us! When we gather together for worship, we are entering into a larger story. We yearn for the Holy Spirit to enter into our spaces and illuminate our magnificent God as we seek to follow in the ways of Jesus the Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God’s creative power!

Many: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

One: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

Many: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

One: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Many: Praise God for God’s complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER in UNISON**

Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kaylee Rose Corbin

HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

NCH #351

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

God, bless these gifts that we have received and given out of our abundance. Let them be salt in a world that needs healing and love. In Your name we pray, AMEN

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19.7-14

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Traditional Swedish, arr. Line

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Mark 9.38-50

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God”

MEDITATION

Being Salty

The Rev. Diann H. Bailey

Reflection:

- Reflect upon the properties of salt.
- How have you been “salt” in the world?
- How have you served others?

HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

NCH #300, vs. 1 and 3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“Sonatina in F, Op. 36 No. 4”
Con spirito*

Clementi



The Sacrament of Baptism for *Kaylee Rose Corbin*

Born: June 17, 2020

Child of: Heather Marie Porter & Michael Christopher Corbin

Godparents: Michele Irish & Betsy Chaffet

Opening Words

Pastor: Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes a child in my name welcomes me...”

The sacrament of baptism symbolizes the love by which God reaches out to us from when we are born. We are here today to declare that God loves this child and to commit ourselves to helping this child grow in faith.

Pledges to God and to One Another

Pastor: Heather & Michael, do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian community?

Heather & Michael: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage your child to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God?

Heather & Michael: We will

Pastor: Will you teach your child to explore and follow in the way of Jesus?

Heather & Michael: We will.

Pastor: Will you journey with your child to discover the wonder of God’s love and grace, as it has been shared today?

Heather & Michael: We will

Pastor: Michele & Betsy, I ask you now to affirm your covenant with God, Kaylee and her parents. Do you desire to give of your time and yourselves to provide opportunities for her to experience the ways of Jesus Christ?

Michele & Betsy: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage this child to grow in their Christian faith?

Michele & Betsy: We will.

Deacon: Now I ask those present, what will be your part in helping this child discover the grace of God within themselves?

People: Jesus calls us to welcome this child into the full life of our community.

Deacon: Will you encourage this child to grow in their Christian faith?

People: Yes, we will share our own stories of faith and help them to grow to love Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child being baptized as they live and grow in this Christian community?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

The Waters of Baptism

Pastor: Baptism is an act of naming and knowing one's identity, within the community and individually before God. Baptism is a bond of love. Let us pray.

God, your love and grace has been with this child ever since she was formed in the womb. Be with us now as we bless her and welcome her into this Christian community.

Pastor: What is the name of this child of God?

Heather & Michael: Kaylee Rose Corbin.

Pastor: Kaylee Rose Corbin, I baptize you with faith in a God who loves you like a father and a mother, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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*The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by Anne Banks, in loving memory of her mom and dad, Janet & Edward Merrit Banks.*

### **Today's Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Diann H. Bailey, *Senior Minister*

Amy Pott, *Acting Minister of Music*

Andy Sauer, *Lay Leader*

Charles Kling, *Sound*

Casey McKenna, *Recording & Livestream Engineer*

Cyndie DeMur, *Chancel Guild*

Amber Dawne Novotney, *Office Manager*

***Please note that we have updated our regulations inside the Sanctuary.***

We ask that people continue to maintain proper distance for seating.

Masks are required for all in the Sanctuary.

Choir performances will still be sung with masks and we ask that all refrain from singing at this time.

### **Notes about our worship service:**

- First Church of Christ, Suffield live streams our worship service for those unable to attend in person.
- Gifts of offering can be left in the available offering plates at the front or back of the Sanctuary while entering or exiting. Please utilize online Vanco giving if possible.
- Maintain proper distancing in the Sanctuary. Masks are required.
- Exit Worship through the Narthex unless ramp usage is needed.
- First Church is a *Green Church*. We encourage use of electronic bulletins via the QR code
- Ushers are available to assist with the scanning of the QR codes.
- (Asterisk) Please stand together in body or in spirit.

- Words in **Bold**, we speak together as a congregation.
  - Our Second Mile Offering for the month of September is One Great Hour of Sharing
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