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As I write on this rainy Friday afternoon, the imagery of a prayer written by a UCC pastor, Glen Rainsley, comes to mind.

"The rains that fall to the earth gather in streams that vein mountainsides with living waters, in rivers that carve a course through the land, in oceans that swell and surge and break into spray upon the shore. The Spirit is like these waters--life-giving, course-setting, and soul-refreshing." (Glen Rainsley, [Hear Our Prayer](#))

Last Sunday, we gave thought to the parallels between the life of Jonah and our modern efforts to live faithfully. We drew inspiration from the lessons of years past and the simple forms of music that nurtured our ancestors in their day just as we found our spirits uplifted by the modern music of the Transformers.

This coming Sunday, we will glory in the life-giving water of baptism as we welcome Jacob Bilodeau and Nolan Darcy into the family of faith.

The lesson this Sunday will center on Paul's teaching in I Corinthians 8 as we try to understand the modern day parallels to the ethical questions being asked, and answered by Paul, in the first century in an effort to have the course of our life be ever clearer. And we will join together in singing and in listening to our Sanctuary Choir in ways that certainly refresh our souls.

May you all find renewal, direction and empowerment by the power of the Holy Spirit. See you in church.

Pastor David

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This past week, one of the saints of FCCV, Olive Ferguson, died at her home on Hartford Turnpike. The Ferguson family have been long time and active members of First Church for many years. Services for Olive will be held on Monday, January 30th, at noon, with a reception hosted by the Board of Deacons immediately afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

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The book discussion on the popular best-seller [Unbroken](#) will not be held this Monday, January 30th, as had been scheduled. It will be moved to a night during the Lenten season as part of our adult education series.