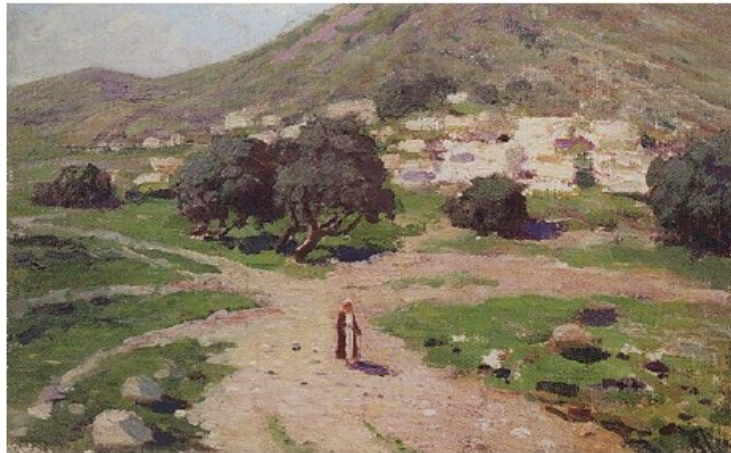


**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT**



**February 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
The Last Sunday after Epiphany**



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. Those wishing to make Announcements are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcements period.

There will be opportunity to share prayer requests at the time of the Prayers of the Church. If you wish to offer a prayer request in written form, please fill out one of the yellow prayer request cards found in the pews and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering.

Large print editions of the bulletin and Chalice Hymnal are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery Room- Childcare is provided for ages 3 and under, in the lower level of the Parish House.

**All who are able, please stand. Bold denotes unison voice.*

PRELUDE *"Lord of the Dance"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

From our everyday places we come,
 to remember that we are the people of God.
From our everyday living we come,
 to remember that God is in everything.
Whatever our stories, whatever our experiences,
 may we learn to see the radiance of God within them all,
 even here, even now.

**HYMN 66 Chalice (blue) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

***GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord of all hearts,
 may we be mindful that you are in our hearts
 as we join in worship today.
May we set aside all that would distract us
 and all that would divide us,
 to grow conscious of all that unites us
 in your spirit.

Help us awaken the eyes of our hearts,
so that when we go from here
we will see you everywhere.
In Christ's name and spirit we pray,
as we also say together:

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 and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a sung response. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols G, C, D, C, and G are placed above the staff. The lyrics '1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with chord symbols G, C, D, and G above it. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Sarah Pradhan

Following this, children may go to church school classes.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9

SERMON "Life at the Foot of the Mountain"

***HYMN 182, Chalice (blue)** "Transform Us"

OFFERING OF GIFTS

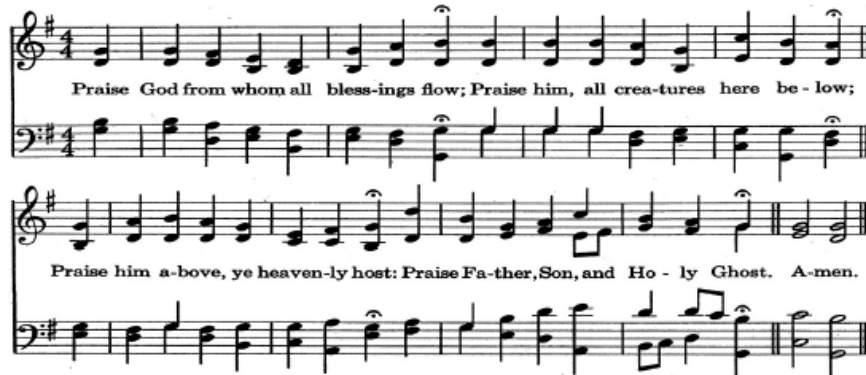
Invitation

Offertory

"O' God of All People"
Senior Choir

Michael Burkhardt

***Doxology**



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**

God of every grace,
we thank you for all the good gifts you give us
for ministries of justice, compassion and care.
We ask your blessing upon these that we offer now,
that they might bear witness to your love,
among us and beyond us.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN 452, Chalice (blue)** *"Here I Am, Lord"*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"To God be the Glory"*
Senior Choir

***POSTLUIDE** *"City of God"* Daniel Schutte arr. Jane Holstein

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Pradhan

Duty Deacons: Karen Needham & Charlie Hammond

Usher: Art Dewey

Ministers: Every Member

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Secretary: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Trustee: Joe Treadwell

Coffee Hour Host: Carole Fisher

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center
February 11, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers this morning are in memory of Zachery Austin LeGeyt
given by Walter, Connie, Joe and Allyson.*

WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! If you are visiting today, please help us get to know you better by filling out one of the visitor cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. Questions? Please feel free to ask the pastor, or call the church office during the week.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14 - SUPPER & WORSHIP

The Diaconate will provide a simple supper of soup and bread and we will have brief worship right at the tables to begin the season of Lent: prayers, readings, time for reflection and distribution of ashes.

PRIME TIMERS- FEBRUARY 14 - HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

*The Prime Timers will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 12 noon.
Bring your own lunch and be ready for some February puzzles. Dessert /beverage will be available.*

FEBRUARY MISSIONS & OUTREACH

We will be collecting warm clothing, coats, queen and king sheets and canned goods for area shelters.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR 7TH – 12TH GRADE

*Sunday, February 18th, we'll be participating in our first GIV2 event.
We'll be joining with other youth from area churches to serve a meal at the Open Door in Winsted.*

We'll leave from church by noon and finish roughly around 3:30.

*Transportation to/from church will be provided. We need a headcount by 2/4.
See Sarah Pradhan, Bob Oswald or Casey Levine for more info and to RSVP.*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Connecticut,
on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. with a snow date of Sunday, March 4, 2018
or on subsequent Sundays at 10:45 a.m. until a quorum is obtained.

Agenda:

1. Call to order and opening prayer
2. Reading of the call of the meeting and confirmation of quorum
3. Presentation of the minutes of the previous meetings
4. Receiving and accepting of the reports of the church officers and committee chairs
5. Presentation of the slate of the Nominating Committee and election of officers, board members and committee members
6. By-Laws Changes:
7. Any other business proper to come before said meeting
8. Adjournment and benediction

Respectfully submitted, Bev Sealand,

YOUTH GROUP-MOVIE NIGHT

Youth Group movie night is scheduled for Feb. 23rd 6-8:30pm. JYF and SYF are invited to watch Field of Dreams and enjoy pizza/popcorn in fellowship hall. Let Sarah or Casey know if you'd like to attend.

STOP BY THE SCRIP TABLE TODAY!

Valentine's Day is this week. Nothing says "I Love You" like power tools and fishing lures! Today we have gift card inventory from Home Depot and Cabela's, as well as the more traditional 1-800-Flowers and even Starbucks and Dunkin. Shop for your sweetie and do something sweet for the church at the same time! Stop by the scrip table in the parish hall for more details.

SIMPLY SMILES MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Announcing the 2018 CT UCC Adult Service Trip to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation in South Dakota hosted by Simply Smiles. Trip Dates are May 12-19, 2018. Approximate cost = \$1,200. Contact Charlie Kuchenbrod charliek@ctuucc.org

Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
Worship 10 am	Prayer Shawl 10am CE Mtg 6:30 pm		Prime Timers 12 pm			
Music 11:15 am	Cantana 6:45 pm		ASH WED Supper/Service 6:30 pm	Handbell Choir 7 pm		
Confirmation Class 11:30 am	Trustees 7 pm ACA 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	AA 7 pm	Council 7:30 pm			AA 11 pm