

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF CANTON CENTER
AND
THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**



**July 15, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

CHIMES

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 is available in the lower level of the Parish House. Children ages Birth-3 years may visit the Nursery with a parent at any time.

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

PRELUDE *“The Desert Shall Rejoice”*

Roger Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we are gathered as the people of God,
to be centered again in the love of God.
Here we are listening, wondering, asking, receiving,
trusting there is guidance for our paths.
What will the Spirit say on this day?
How will the Spirit lead us now?
Friends, let us be at worship, for God is in the midst of us
and we are in the midst of God.

*HYMN 3 Chalice (blue) *“The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore”*

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

God of every step and every journey,
God who travels with us on every path,
we give thanks for all the gifts of today
as we open our spirits to your Spirit.

Deep within us may we hear your voice,
strong among us may we feel your presence,
clear around us may we see your love,
so that in everything, we will know your grace.
In Christ's name and spirit, 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**



Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!

Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 10:11-12

SERMON *"What Is It You Plan to Do with Your One Wild and Precious Life?"*

The Rev. Robert Henderson

OFFERING OF GIFTS

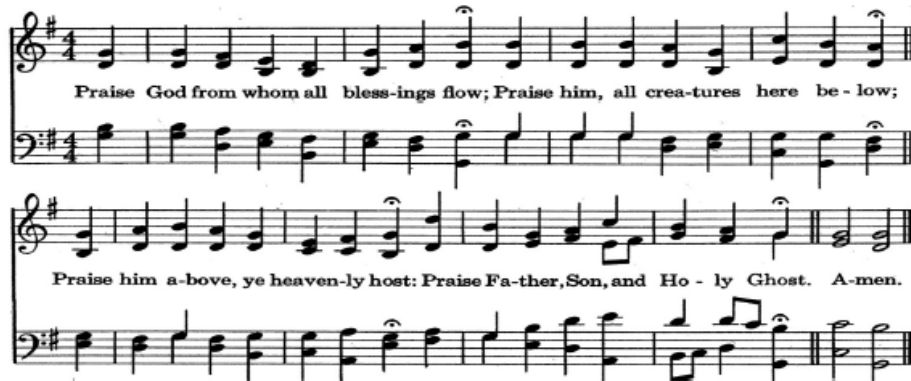
Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"Marching to Zion"
Jim Todd- vocal soloist

Isaac Watts

*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

Loving God, you give us every good thing
for the blessing of all creation.
We pray for the guiding of your Spirit
in all that we offer, in all that we have to use:
take our hands and serve through them,
our voices and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them,
our hearts and love through them,
so that your peace might come to this world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN 595, Chalice (blue) *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *"Jerusalem"*

C. Hubert Perry

We welcome our guest minister, the Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson, a Pastoral Counselor and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Glastonbury. He and his wife, Janis, are co-authors of a three-volume book, *Living with Jung: Interviews with Jungian Analysts* (available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble). Dr. Henderson will also be leading our service next Sunday, July 22.

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center
July 15, 2018

*The flowers this morning are by the Adajian Family
in loving memory of Joan, Merrilyn and Michael Adajian.*

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SOLOIST SERIES

- July 15th Jim Todd-vocals "Marching to Zion" Isaac Watts
July 22nd Baroque Ensemble Marianne Rannenberg-recorder, Bob Oswald-guitar,
Claire Byko- percussion, Mary Lou Keefe- harpsichord.
Non Nobis Domine, Gavotte, Gigue, Ronde, La Paix
July 29th Jerry Alonzy & Judy Robinson, vocal duet "The Prayer" Carol Sager/David Foster

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT SCRIP?

Scrip is a gift card program where you can "fundraise while you shop". You can purchase gift cards for over 750 retailers to give as gifts, or for every day shopping. You pay face value, but the church gets to purchase them for less from the Great Lakes Scrip Center, thus the fundraising!
The Scrip table will be open every Sun. in July during coffee hour, so come see what we are all about.
Thanks for your support!

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka	Ministers: Every Member
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe	Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Pradhan	Secretary: Kristen DiMattia
Duty Deacons: Darryl Haberern & Andy Kerr	Trustee: Linda Kessler
Ushers & Greeters: Karen Needham & Kathy Pickrell	Coffee Hour Host: Dan LeGeyt

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship, to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice. Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church, we strive to build a community that serves all.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services at 9:30 a.m.

JULY WORSHIP

Canton Center Church

July 15 & 22 - Rev. Robert Henderson

July 8 & 29 - Rev. Mary Lou Howson

AUGUST WORSHIP

Community Baptist Church

(125 Dowd Avenue, Canton)

GUEST MINISTERS AND PASTORAL COVERAGE IN JULY

While Rev. Brenda takes a sabbatical period for the month of July, we will have guest ministers leading worship each Sunday. In addition, both the church office and Deacons have names of area clergy who can be called on for urgent pastoral care needs during that period.

If you need assistance then, please contact: Kristen DiMattia in the church office at 860-693-4581 (Mon. through Fri., 8 - 3 pm) or, if at other hours, either of these Deacons: Haberern (860-965-3420; darryl.haberern@gmail.com) Dave Heyer (860-480-2578; heyercd@sbcglobal.net).

PLEASE BRING BACK SOME WATER FROM YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS!

We invite you to bring back a small amount of water from wherever you might be this summer – a lake, an ocean, a river, another city or state, or your own home.

At our Gathering Sunday service on Sept. 9th, we'll combine them all into one font, as a symbol of how all our different experiences, journeys and selves combine into one shared community.

Small vials are available for you to take.

Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
Worship 9:30 am	ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm				AA 11 pm

