



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF CANTON CENTER**



October 28, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

CHIMES

Karen Needham

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 “Seek Ye First”

Karen Lafferty

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people of God awaken to a new day,
where God gives us gifts for living.

The people of God come with open hearts,
to receive God’s gifts for serving.

Come, friends in Christ, as together we listen and watch:
for new every day are the gifts of God!

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

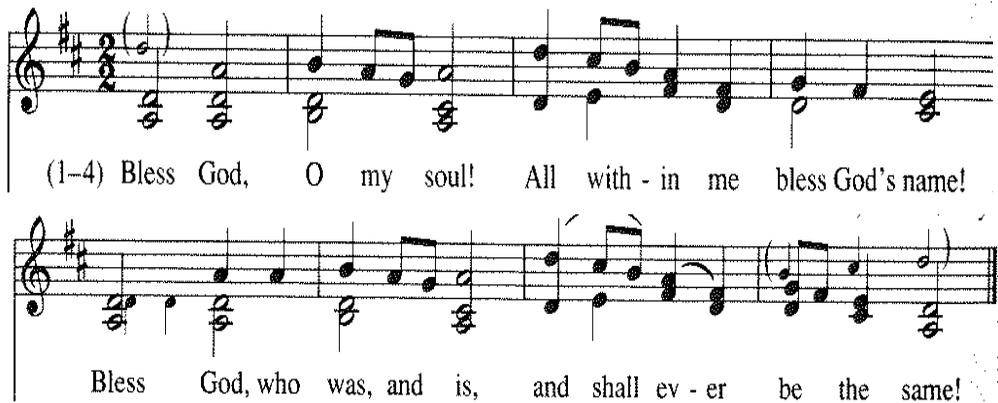
***GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Spirit of life, Spirit of love,
in your presence we come together as one:
from our many places, yet our common life,
from our good intentions, yet our common mistakes.
Stir in us again today and make us new,
inflame our hearts and awaken our minds,
so that all we do might be faithful.

This we ask in Christ's name and spirit,
as we also pray 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**



(1-4) 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!

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Sarah Pradhan

Following this, children may go to Church School.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Lamentations 3:19-25

SERMON “ ”

***HYMN 86, Chalice Hymnal (blue)** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

OFFERING OF GIFTS

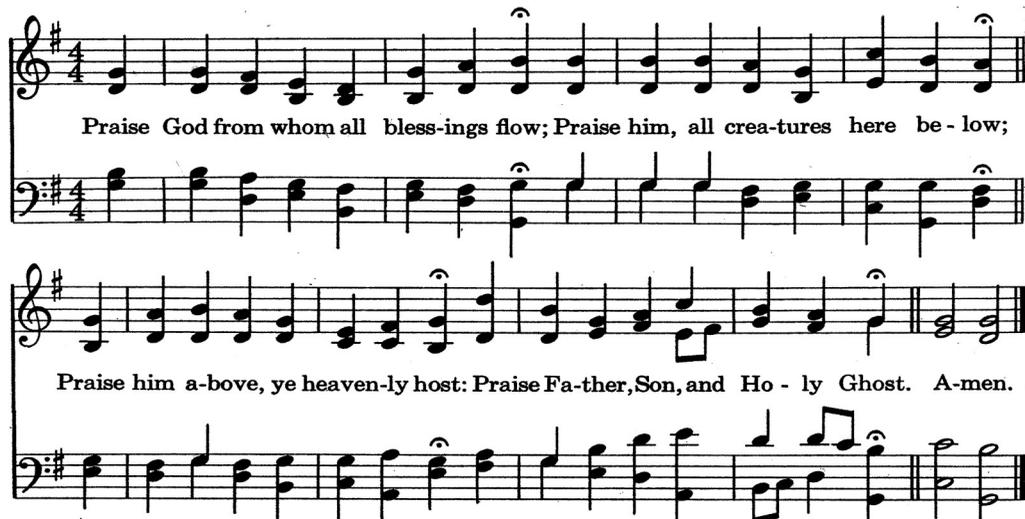
Invitation

Offertory anthem

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
Senior Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

***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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN 518, Chalice (blue)** *“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *“O Master, Let me Walk with Thee”*

Gladden/Smith

Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE**

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Benedetto Marcello

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Pradhan

Greeters: Marlene Whitney & Harriet Vose

Duty Deacons: Bev Sealand & Dave Heyer

Coffee Hour Hosts: Gary Adajian

Ministers: Every Member

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Ushers: Nora & Simon Baumgart

Trustee: Phil LeGeyt

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center
October 28, 2018

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.

*The flowers this morning are given
in honor of all the members of Canton Center Church.*

TODAY ~ SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

*In order to try to make our collection of food for the Canton Food Bank more regular, we're designating every **Fourth Sunday of the month as Food Collection Sunday**.*

Please bring non-perishable food items to church with you on those Sundays, when the church school children will take part in gathering the donations from the congregation, right in the sanctuary.

BUTTERBRAID SALE

Today is the last Sunday to order Butter Braids. Pick up date is November 11th.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 27 Lawton Road in Canton will have a Blood Drive this Thursday, November 1 from 1:30 - 6:30 pm.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Thank you to all who have donated funds in the last few weeks to the special UCC Collection for the Neighbors in Need.

We will send a check for a total of \$493.00 to help support the UCC's Special Ministries.

"FALL" INTO SCRIP!

The leaves are changing, there's a chill in the air, the pumpkin spice lattes are flowing.

Stop by the scrip table today to pick up a gift card for Starbucks, Dunkin or Panera and treat yourself to a taste of Fall! Or come see what other cards we have in stock, place an order for any of our 750 available retailers or just find out more about the program. Thanks for your support!

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.

Second Hour Conversation

A Next Step in Considering Becoming an Open & Affirming (ONA) Church Next Sunday, November 4, 11:30 – 12:30 pm

We'll consider draft language for what an ONA Statement for our church might look like, and discuss the questions, concerns and thoughts among us in response to that language. "ONA" is the designation within our denomination, the United Church of Christ, for congregations that state publicly their full welcome of all persons. Copies of the statement will be available at church, or electronically from the church office, ahead of time.

***This is an important discussion for our whole congregation.
Coverage will be provided for children so that all adults can attend.
Please plan to participate!***

MISSIONS & OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

*Thanksgiving Brown Bags are available this morning to fill with **Thanksgiving food items** that will be donated to the Canton Food Bank by Nov. 11.*

*The Missions & Outreach Committee is collecting **bath soaps and toothpaste** for Hands of Grace.*

*We are also collecting **warm clothing**, such as hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, blankets, towels, and twin bed sheets which will be given to the Friends in Service to Humanity.*

Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
CE 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am (Food Collection Sunday)	Choir 6:45 pm regular rehearsal Choir 7:30 special rehearsal ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm		Bell Choir 7:00 pm		AA 11:00 pm