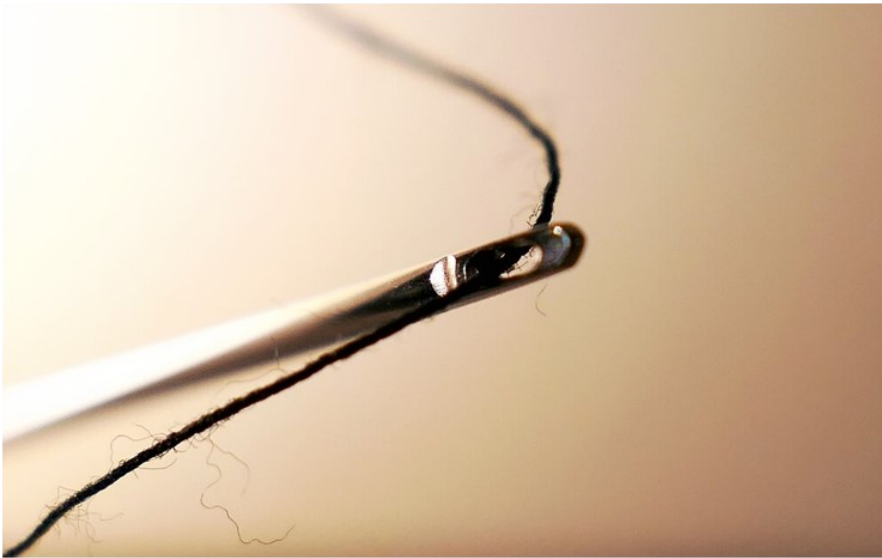




# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

October 10, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*Please stand, if you are able. **Bold** denotes unison response.*

**CHIMES**

Karen Needham

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

***Prayer request cards** may be found on the tables at the back of the church.*

***Offerings** may be placed in the marked boxes on the tables at the back of the church.*

**PRELUDE** *Hiding in the Shadow of God (Send in the Rain)*

Heather Sorenson,  
inspired by Psalm 91

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Called together in spirit and in truth,  
**today we bring ourselves and our stories.**  
Called together in faith and in hope,  
**today we bring our openness to grace.**  
Called together from our individual lives,  
**today we remember our common life.**  
Friends, let our time of worship renew us,  
**and awaken us for the work of love.**

**\*HYMN** *Awake, Awake to Love and Work*

Pilgrim (red), 34

*Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;  
The fields are wet with diamond dew; the worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of Life, he goes meekly by.*

*Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze.*

*To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously  
The God who gave all words that are, and all that are to be.*

## \*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Power of Love in everything everywhere,  
today may we know the strong and certain touch of your Spirit,  
reminding us that we are not alone but connected.  
May we be awakened to the bonds of our common life,  
renewed in our commitment to the faith we share,  
strengthened for discipleship  
and courageous for love.  
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 *Bless God, O My Soul*



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!

**ANTHEM** *The Prayer, incorporating Lead Us Lord*  
Members of the Senior Choir

Carole Sager and David Foster,  
arr. Tom Fettke

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE** Mark 10:17-31

**SERMON** "See Attachments"

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE** *You Do Not Walk Alone* Elaine Hagenberg, trad. Irish Blessing

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Chalice (blue), 595

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be by vision, O Ruler of all.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung by all)**

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*If My People Will Pray*

Jimmy Owens

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

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