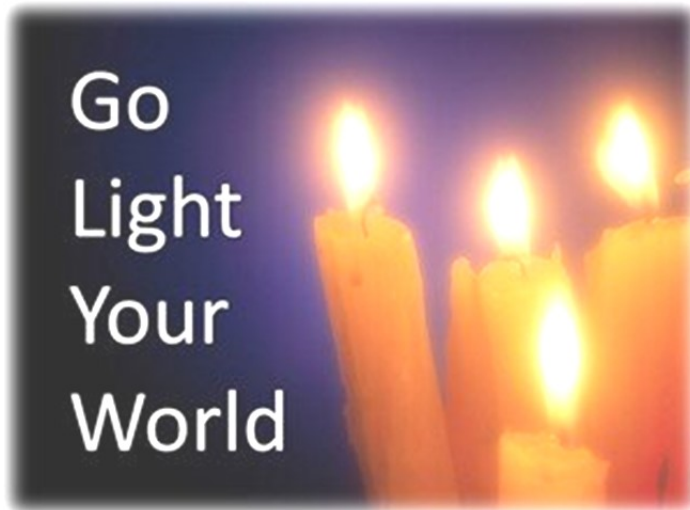




THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

October 17, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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 *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*

arr. Howard Helvey

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, and remember that we are friends of Christ,
bearing the Christ-light to each other,
to all others,
in faith, hope and love.

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Pilgrim (red), 251

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which were and art, and evermore shall be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

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

Loving God, present to us in this day and in all days,
walking with us through joys and trials,
desiring for us the bonds of care and a world at peace,
today as we listen for your leading and watch for your wisdom,
help us to remember what is true and right,
what is just and holy,
what is our human work in this world,
so that whatever lies upon our paths,
we might live them with the light of Christ.
We gather our prayers into one prayer, as we 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**

Alleluia

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RECOGNITION OF LONG-TIME MEMBERS

- 25 yrs. Julia Downey, Scott Munson, John Rohlfing, Kathy Todd
- 30 yrs. Betsy Ash, Phil Doyle, Mary Lee Dunn, Peter Hayward, Solveig Hayward,
Pat Juhl, Alice Lund, Karen Needham, Peggy Steinway, Anne Ziemba, Julius Ziemba
- 40 yrs. Hebert Bossardt, Barbara Jo Eifes, Ken Eifes, Linnell Munson
- 50 yrs. Kathy Pickrell, Bev Sealand
- 60 yrs. Elenor Smith, Laurence Smith
- 65 yrs. Charles Richardson, Sr.

Following this, children may go out to church school.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON *This Little Light*

ANTHEM *Speak, O Lord* Getty/Townend arr. Mary McDonald
Senior Choir

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN** *This Little Light of Mine* African-American spiritual

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*This hope that I have, I'm gonna let it shine,
This hope that I have, I'm gonna let it shine.
This hope that I have, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*This faith that I have, I'm gonna let it shine,
This faith that I have, I'm gonna let it shine.
This faith that I have, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

***BENEDICTION**

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

*This peace that I have, I'm gonna let it shine,
This peace that I have, I'm gonna let it shine.
This peace that I have, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

***POSTLUDE** *O Worship the King* arr. Robert Powell