



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

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Twenty-Fifth 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 *In Flanders Fields*

Dr. John McCrae arr. Jacobson/Emerson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, let us be gathered in heart,

as we remember again the goodness of God.

Let us be gathered in faith,

as we awaken again to the wisdom of Christ.

Let us be gathered in hope,

as we see again the beauty in creation.

Let us be gathered in peace,

as we are touched again by the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* (based on Ps. 23)

Chalice (blue), 80

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name;

In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.

You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;

You lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;

One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days;

O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;

No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Thanks be to you, God of every goodness,
for gathering us in this place, for setting us in this time,
for giving us the daily gifts of life.

Thanks be to you, God of all our stories,
for families, friends and the community of faith,
for love that holds us and hope that sustains us, through everything.

May our waiting hearts be awakened hearts,
and may we be filled once more
with the daily bread of your peace.

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.

ANTHEM

America the Beautiful
Members of the Senior Choir

Samuel A. Ward, arr. Buryl Red

Following this, children may go out.

BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Mitchell Buckley, Mason Buckley, Caroline Kosis, Kendall Rees

Congregation:

God of all human journeys, we ask your blessing upon these journeys,
that for each confirmand, and for all who love and guide them,
there will be deepening wisdom, courage and faith.

Help us to be a community where love is learned and lived,
where we are moved toward compassion and justice,
where hope and peace are carried in our hearts.

Help us let your light shine through us,
so that when the world sees us, it sees you.

As disciples of Christ we pray, Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON *Looking Twice*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation* Chalice (blue), 714

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (sung by all) Tune: Dove of Peace

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Members of the congregation are asked to remain in place at the end of the service,
for the brief congregational meeting that will follow immediately.