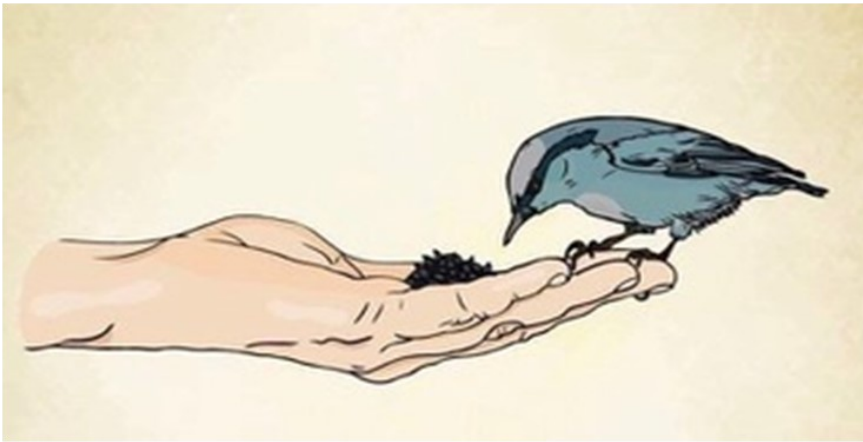




# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

February 20, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



DO EVERYTHING WITH A  
GOOD HEART  
AND EXPECT NOTHING IN RETURN.

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*Please stand, if able.*

***Bold** denotes unison response.*

**CHIMES**

Karen Needham

**WELCOME AND 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**    *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*  
                  Judy Robinson

Charles Gabriel Arr. Mark Hayes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we have at every sunrise, we awakened this day to welcome the new morning.

**And in response God's grace and love, we have chosen  
to honor the Sabbath here in this place.**

We come joyfully to greet long-time friends, acquaintances,  
and travelers on life's journey we have yet to come to know.

**In this community we support and inspire one another  
as it becomes second nature to us to do everything with good hearts.**

We acknowledge, too, the opportunity to reflect and meditate  
on the wisdom and guidance of scripture.

**As we gather together, we are pleased to lift our voices  
in praise and in song**

**\*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, as 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 worlds that are, and all that are to be.*

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

**Loving God, we give thanks for this church,  
which offers a place of sanctuary, of learning,  
of fellowship, and spiritual nurture.**

**Becoming more and more aware of God's call on our lives,  
we seek to continually be reminded of, and to affirm,  
what it means to do to others what we would have them do to us,  
as Jesus taught us, and in whose name we pray:**

**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*



The image shows two staves of musical notation for a sung response. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with a common rest at the beginning. The lyrics 'Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics 'Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!'. The music concludes with a double bar line.

**ANTHEM**      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
Senior Choir

John Bode and Arthur Mann

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**      Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON**      *The Good Heart*

The Rev. Marcia Lynn Cox

