

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT



February 27, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.

In Person & Live Streamed

Last Sunday before Lent



“One of the calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit & willing to show it.”

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

**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 *Lighting the Way*

Will Todd

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called together in spirit and in truth,
 that we might see the sacred all around.

We are called together in faith and in hope,
 that we might learn to reflect the light.

Christ is our light, everywhere radiant;
 God is our strength, everywhere present.

Friends, let our eyes be opened and our hearts awake,
 for God is in the midst of us and we are in the midst of God.

***HYMN** *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Pilgrim (red), 43

*Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light;
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.*

*Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

***GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Lord of all hearts, come now to our hearts
with the love that shines on everything:
warm what is cold, melt what is frozen,
take the veil from our eyes and let us see you as you are,
that we too might catch the light
and carry it everywhere in this world.
We pray in the name and spirit of the one we follow,
as we also 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

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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ANTHEM *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*
Senior Choir

Jay Althouse

Children may leave for church school

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

SERMON *Seeing the Light*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN** *Many Are the Lightbeams* Chalice (blue), 492

*Many are the light-beams from the one light, our one light is Jesus.
Many are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.*

*Many are the branches of the one tree, our one tree is Jesus.
Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.*

*Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one, love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.*

*Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one, servant-spirit of Jesus.
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; we are one in Christ*

*Many are the members, the body is one, members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *The Lord Be with You* Charles Vannerella
Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Lord, Above All Other Treasures* J. S. Bach

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

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