

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lord, You have Searched Me and Known Me

Allen Pote (based on Psalm 139)

INTROIT This is the Day

Members of the Senior Choir

Leo Garrett

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The blessings of God abound, whatever the path, and in all the steps of our journeying.

The blessings of God abound in this day and all its gifts.

Let our hearts be open and our spirits awake

to the One who calls us to follow.

HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Chalice 342

 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore, Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, And while smiling have spoken my name; Now my boat's left on shore behind me; By your side, I will seek other seas.

- 2. You know so well my possessions;
 My boat carries no gold and no weapons;
 You will find there my nets and labor.
 (Refrain)
- 3. You need by hands, full of caring
 Through my labors to give others rest,
 And constant love that keeps on loving.
 (Refrain)
- 4. You, who have fished other oceans,
 Ever longed-for by souls who are waiting,
 My loving friend, as thus you call me.
 (Refrain)

GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

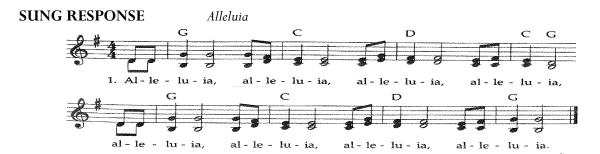
God of all creation, God of here-and-now, we come once more to a time of worship to deepen our own lives and to share a common life, to seek wisdom for living, courage for choosing, strength for following Jesus.

We trust in your forgiving love that holds us in grace, even when we miss the depths and are blind to the riches of this life.

Awaken us on this day, Holy Spirit, for brave and faithful living.

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.



READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11

SERMON Instructions for Living a Life

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

ANTHEM Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
Members of the Senior Choir

Cecil Alexander/William Jude

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to participate in the sacrament using whatever you have at home for elements.

Invitation and Prayer of Preparation Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution Partaking of the Bread and Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

To you, Holy One, who gives us life and new life, we give thanks, and to you we turn our hearts and our minds, our being and our doing, that all might flow from love.

Send us now to be bread for each other and light for the world, following the way of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN The Summons (Will You Come And Follow Me)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen

*POSTLUDE

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