



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

**March 13, 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Lent**  
**10:00 a.m. In Person & Live Streamed**



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*Please stand if able.*

*Bold denotes unison response.*

**CHIMES**

Karen Needham

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Praise the Holy Lamb of God*

Lloyd Larson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, to the place of belonging,  
**where we bring ourselves and our lives to be shaped by love.**  
Come to the place where ancient stories will tell us their truths,  
**and brand new understandings will claim us.**  
Come, people of God, to the place of community,  
**where together we seek and find, love and serve.**  
Come, people of God, and be at worship, for God is in the midst of us,  
**and we are in the midst of God.**

**\*HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* Pilgrim (red), 38

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!*

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

Creator God, whose world this is, may we be fully alive in it –  
heeding our call, using our gifts,  
following the compassionate, generous way of Christ.

In all things, may we trust the love that holds us,  
the faith that guides us, the hope that strengthens us.  
We pray in Jesus' name and spirit, 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**

*Bless the Lord, My Soul*

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system also has a treble and bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *f* (forte), and includes a list of chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Van Michael Ferguson, child of Michelle & Joshua Ferguson, sibling of Kai Ferguson*  
Godparents: *Brie Zadzilko, Michael Morrison*

**Words of Introduction**

**Lighting of the Baptismal Candle**

**Commitment of the Parents and Godparents**

**Commitment of the Congregation**

God calls us to be a community of faith, hope and love together,  
and to support each other in our discipleship. Representing the church universal,  
do you who witness this sacrament promise your love, support and care to this child  
and this family, that in you they may see the fullness of Christian community?

**Congregation: We promise our love, support and care, and our faithful  
witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Blessing of the Water**

