



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

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10:00 a.m. In Person & Live Streamed



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

**Please stand if able.*

Bold denotes unison response.

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *At the Name of Jesus*

R. Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather to be the community of Christ in a new season.

**We gather to be a Lenten people,
seeking God with heart and soul, with mind and strength.**

On this day, let us remember what it means to love God,

and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

On this day, let us remember our source of strength in time of trial:

God-with-us in all things.

On this day, let us be fully present as the Spirit speaks,

to us, through us, and for our sakes.

***HYMN** *Before the Cross of Jesus*

Pilgrim (red), 161

*Before the cross of Jesus our lives are judged today;
The meaning of our eager strife is tested by his Way.
Across our restless living the light streams from his cross,
And by its clear, revealing beams we measure gain and loss.*

*The hopes that lead us onward, the fears that hold us back,
Our will to dare great things for God, the courage that we lack,
The faith we keep in goodness, our love, as low or pure,
On all, the judgment of the cross falls steady, clear and sure.*

*Yet humbly, in our striving, O God, we face its test.
We crave the power to do thy will, with him who did it best.
On us let now the healing of his great spirit fall,
And make us brave and full of joy to answer to his call. Amen.*

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

**We begin this Lenten journey, O God, to remember the love that holds us
and the gospel that claims us;**

to confess that by its light we can see our limits,
by its truth we can see our mistakes.

Together we begin this Lenten journey,
following the one who is crucified yet risen,
who calls us out of shadow into light, and whose community we are.

In his name and spirit we pray, 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 (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked '♩ = 10'. The first system of music includes the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system of music includes the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." Above the second system, the chords Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, and Dm are indicated. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'p'.

ANTHEM *Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord* based on Psalm 55:22 Benjamin Harlan
Senior Choir

Following this, children may go out to church school.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13

SERMON *Adding and Subtracting*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

HYMN (seated) *Refrain from 'One Bread, One Body'*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Preparation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, for the gifts of your table,
reminders of all that nourishes us in body and soul.

As we go out into the world to live the gospel,
we pray that today and tomorrow,
we might learn to see the world through Christ's eyes
and love the world with Christ's heart. Amen.

***HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Chalice (blue), 65

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,
Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe, with craft and power great,
and armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
But there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he, with mighty power to save,
Victorious o'er the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant.*

*And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of darkness grim, we tremble not for them; their rage we will endure,
For lo, their doom is sure; one little word shall fell them.*

*That word above all earthy powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Christ, who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still, God's reign endures forever.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen*

*The Annual Meeting will begin right after the service; the congregation is asked to remain in place.
Coffee hour will follow the meeting.*