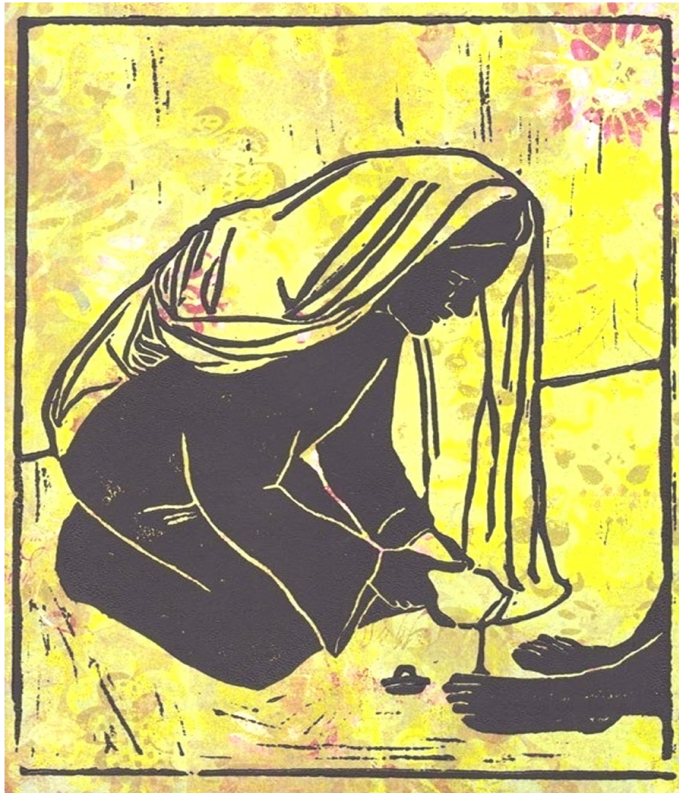




THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m. In Person & Live Streamed



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, please stand.*

***Bold** denotes unison voice.*

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

Remember Me

Gene Grier/Lowell Everson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather once more as a community of faith,
turning to God with heart and soul, with mind and strength.

We've come to remember what it means to love God,
and to love all that God loves.

As we journey through Lent, we keep our eyes on Jesus,
who teaches us a selfless way.

May this day's graces awaken us and deepen our knowing
that we carry God's love in this world.

*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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator God, giver of life and new life,
from the midst of our everyday places we've come,
that we might know again the touch of your Spirit.
We come as those whose fears sometimes make us closed,
needing to trust the love that makes us open.
We come as those who sometimes try to save up life,
needing to find the courage to spend it.
We come because we sometimes forget who we are,
needing to remember that we are yours.
May our worship today help us know deeply that whatever our stories,
your extravagant love is poured out for us all.
This we pray in Christ's 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:

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The bass clef part has a bass line with lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The bass clef part has a bass line with lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." Above the second system, guitar chords are indicated: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (Bb).

ANTHEM *Be Still*
Senior Choir

Mary McDonald

Following this, children may go out to church school.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8

SERMON *Life, Spent*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Larry Mayfield

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Communion elements will be served in the pews. Please wait until all have been served and all will partake together.

Invitation

As we come to Christ's table, we remember that we are one body,
that God's love makes us one,

**whoever we are, whatever our journey,
whether we have been here many times before or never before.**

We remember that we are gathered in the spirit of the Risen Christ,
who sees not our differences but our oneness.

**As the many grains of wheat become the one loaf
and the many grapes become the one cup,
so do we become the one Body of Christ.**

Let this sacrament renew us in faith, hope and love,
binding us in covenant with God and with all others.

Prayer of Preparation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

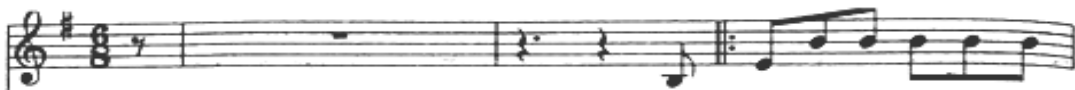
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give thanks to you, Holy One, for the gifts of your table,
reminders of all that strengthens us for faithful life.**

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

***HYMN**

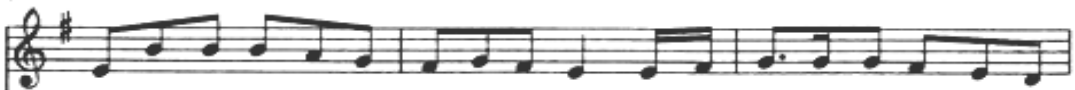
Said Judas to Mary



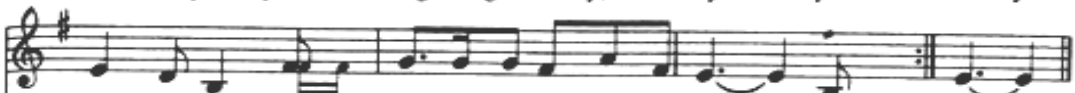
1 Said Ju - das to Mar - y, "Now
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, O
 3 "To - mor - row, to - mor - row, I'll
 4 Said Je - sus to Mar - y, "Your



what will you do with your oint - ment so rich and so rare?" "I'll
 think of the poor. This oint - ment, it could have been sold; And
 think of the poor; to - mor - row," she said, "not to - day; For
 love is so deep, to - day you may do as you will. To -



pour it all o - ver the feet of the Christ, and I'll wipe it a - way with my
 think of the blan - kets and think of the bread you could buy with the sil - ver and
 dear - er than all of the poor in the world is my love who is go - ing a -
 mor - row, you say, I am go - ing a - way, but my bod - y I leave with you



hair," she said, "I'll wipe it a - way with my hair." (2 "O
 gold," he said, "you could buy with the sil - ver and gold." (3 "To -
 way," she said, "my love who is go - ing a - way." (4 Said
 still," he said, "my bo - dy I leave with you still." (5 "The

5 "The poor of the world are my bod - y,"
 he said,
 "to the end of the world they shall be.
 The bread and the blan - kets you give
 to the poor
 you will know you have giv - en to me,"
 he said,
 "you'll know you have giv - en to me."

6 "My bod - y will hang on the cross
 of the world
 to - mor - row," he said, "not to - day.
 And Mar - tha and Mar - y will find me
 a - gain
 and wash all my sor - row a - way,"
 he said,
 "and wash all my sor - row a - way."

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen*
 Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Brenda Portman

WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us for worship today.
Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
If you are visiting today, please help us get to know you better by filling out
one of the visitor cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate.
Questions? Please feel free to ask the pastor, or call the church office during the week.

*The flowers are given by Cynthia Zdanzukas
to commemorate the one year anniversary of the
Canton Center Little Free Pantry.
Thank you for lending the spot for the LFP across from the church!*

Church School Update

There will be no Church School on Palm Sunday or Easter (Apr. 10 & 17)

Easter Flowers

*With Easter just around the corner, it's time to order plants for our Easter Sunday service.
Lilies (\$14.) and tulips (\$8.). Flowers may be given in memory of or in celebration of loved ones or a special event. Please take your plants after the Easter service to enjoy at home.
Orders for plants will be accepted through Thurs., April 7th, and forms will be available
In the basket at the back of the church.*

Palm Sunday Potluck Luncheon~ April 10

*A long-standing tradition at our church is the Palm Sunday Potluck Luncheon, served right after church, where everyone can bring a favorite dish to share. Please see sign up on kitchen door.
The Wider Church Committee will provide beverages.*

Spring Cleanup - 9 to noon, on Saturday, April 16th

Put this on your calendar, bring your garden tools, and help (kids too).

Yard Goats Game ~Mark your calendars!

*On **May 15th**, we'll be heading to Hartford to watch a Yard Goats game. Did you get your tickets? It will be a great afternoon! Come and have fun with 30 of your closest church friends.
Please see Linda McAllister (Wider Church Committee Chair) for more info.*

Holy Week Schedule

April 10 **Palm Sunday; Beginning of Holy Week**

10:00 a.m. *Special choral music*

April 14 **Maundy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. *Service of Communion and Tenebrae*

April 15 **Good Friday**

12 – 3 p.m. *Sanctuary open for personal meditation;*

April 17 **Easter Sunday**

10:00 a.m.



April's Mission Box Collection - will benefit New Hartford's **Hands of Grace's backpack program** which provides weekend meals to children who might have to fend for themselves. Hands of Grace currently supplies two of each item in a 2 gallon plastic bag to an elementary school in Winsted and one in New Hartford.

All items should be single serving in size:

cereals, hot or cold - oatmeal packets, ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee meals, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups and juice boxes

64 oz juice bottles, 12-16 oz cans of coffee, and crackers

also are always needed for the "shopping shelves" which is separate from the backpack program.

Sunday	3	Monday	4	Tuesday	5	Wednesday	6	Thursday	7	Friday	8	Saturday	9
Communion & Worship 10:00 am Lily/Tulip Sale Church Hike		Choir 4:45 pm ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting 7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm						AA 11:00 pm	

