



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

**May 15, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:00 a.m. In Person & Live Streamed**



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*\*All who are able, please stand.*

***Bold** denotes unison voice.*

### CHIMES

### 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**      *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to our God, who has brought us forth,  
**who has brought us to this day.**

Praise to our God, whose Spirit calls our names,  
**here in this place and in all places.**

Praise to our God, who lives within us and among us,  
**in our hearts and our minds,  
and in the world we are making together.**

**\*HYMN**      *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*      Chalice (blue), 15

*Rejoice, you pure in heart, lift praises to the sky  
Your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meet,  
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as you go,  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore.  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

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

Lord of life, Maker of all, today we give thanks:  
for the journey of faith, things remembered and learned;  
for the community of faith, caring and strong;  
for the promise of faith, life fully lived.  
By the words and signs of this day,  
may each one's faith be confirmed,  
that we may all become disciples again.  
In Christ's 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 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 God, O my soul! All with-in me bless God's name!  
Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev-er be the same!

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE** 2 Peter 1:5-11

### **CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS**

**Preface**

Rev. Brenda

**Statements**

Mitchell Buckley, Kendall Rees, Mason Buckley

**\*HYMN** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* Chalice (blue), 75

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme, from dusk til rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

## **THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*Mitchell Evans Buckley, son of Ann & Evans Buckley  
Mason David Buckley, son of Ann & Evans Buckley  
Kendall Telfer Rees, daughter of Vicki & Andy Rees*

### **Introduction**

#### **Questions of Commitment**

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a true disciple of Jesus to the best of your ability: to follow in his way of love, compassion and justice, to treat all others as you would want to be treated, to bear witness to the love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ in all you do?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Do you promise to strive to grow in your Christian faith, with open mind and heart, and to be a faithful member of the church, participating in its ministries, sharing your gifts, seeking to strengthen its life within and its witness beyond its walls?

Confirmands: *I do.*

## **Affirmation of Faith: The Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ**

Chalice (blue), 361

### **The Laying On of Hands**

*Participating in the laying on of hands for each confirmand will be his/her family members, including grandparents and godparents if present, two Deacons, and the pastor.*

*For each confirmand, the following prayer will be said, with the whole congregation joining in the "Amen."*

Loving God, our Creator, we thank you for \_\_\_\_\_, and for the gifts you have given him/her. As (s)he is confirmed in faith today, may (s)he be strong in spirit, in heart, in mind and in body. Let him/her dwell now and always in faith, hope and love, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Let all the people say, **AMEN.**

### **\*The Congregational Welcome**

**We welcome you with joy  
into our common life as a church,  
as together we share the hopes and the labors  
of being a community of faith.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we continue to grow together  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
building community, following Jesus, serving all.  
Grace, peace and welcome!**

### **Closing**

**ANTHEM**

*A Song at the Crossroads*  
The Senior Choir

Larry Shackley

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer**

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

*(Refrain)*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.*

*(Refrain)*

*All praise to the Maker, from whom all things come,  
All praise to Christ Jesus, God's loving Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.*

*(Refrain)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Amen*

**\*POSTLUDE**      *The Church of Christ in Every Age*      (Wareham)

## 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!  
Questions? Please feel free to ask the pastor, or call the church office during the week.

*An Open and Affirming Congregation.*

## Announcements

*The flowers this morning are given by Lorinda Miner Murphy Pane  
in memory of her mother Esther Louise Olson Miner,  
her mother Esther Louise Case Olson,  
her mother Bessie Ruth Humphrey Case  
and her mother Emma Wilcox Bidwell Humphrey.*

### **Shop Scrip Today!**

Supply chain shortages have hit the Scrip table! We are unable to get Stop & Shop cards for another week or so. Sorry for the inconvenience. We do have plenty of other retailers in stock, so stop by the table during coffee hour today to check out our inventory. If you have a college or high school graduate in your life, come see our list of over 750 cards you can order today and have in one week.

### **May's Mission Box Collection**

*The Missions & Outreach Committee will collect **healthy snacks for Gifts of Love.***

### **Time to plant! Missions Committee is looking for gardeners!**

*Every year we grow cucumbers, squash, and other summer veggies for the Canton Food Bank in our raised beds next to the Post Office. If you are interested in signing up for one of the garden plots, please contact Art Mauger at [amauger8819@gmail.com](mailto:amauger8819@gmail.com) or see Art after church.*

Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
<b>Worship 10:00 am</b> <b>Yard Goats Game</b>	<b>Choir 5:00 pm</b> ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm		<b>Choir 5:30 pm</b>  Cub Scouts		AA 11:00 pm

