



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT**

May 22, 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

*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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prayer for Humanity* Linda Lamb
 The Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir

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** *Help Us Accept Each Other* Chalice (blue), 487

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth I love;
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!*

***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 binds us,
the faith that guides us, the hope that strengthens us.
In all things, may we live in a spirit of peace.**

We pray in the name of the Risen One, 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 God, O My Soul*

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "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!"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Silvie Frances Hager, child of Christopher and Alison Hager, sibling of Josephine
Godparent: Lisa Contino*

Words of Introduction

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Commitment of the Parents and Godparent

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

***HYMN** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Chalice (blue), 677

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen*

***POSTLUDE** *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

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 Evelyn Sealand
in memory of her parents, Harry and Janet Jackson
and Evans' parents, Evans and Marion Sealand*

No Church School Next Sun., May 29 - Regular church school on June 5, and then the program year will conclude with an intergenerational service, with children participating, on June 12.

Shop Scrip Today! - The Scrip table is open during coffee hour to supply all your gift card needs! We have lots of cards in our inventory that you can purchase and take home today. There are also over 750 different retailers you can place an order for and have in one week. It's graduation and wedding season! Gift cards make great gifts for all occasions.

May's Mission Box Collection - healthy snacks for Gifts of Love.

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve at Brian's Angels - The Missions and Outreach committee is looking for volunteers to help make food for Brian's Angels (serves the homeless community in Bristol) on **May 31st and June 18th**. On May 31st, we'll meet at church to make a hot lunch of American Chop Suey, plus some sandwiches for takeaway, and on June 18th we'll be making sandwiches only. In addition to the food we'll be preparing, we'd like to have people donate cookies that we can also take. (People really appreciated these treats last time we went.) Sign-up sheets will be on the kitchen door and will have specific information about the number of volunteers needed and the times.

Sunday 22	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
Worship 10:00 am	Choir 5:00 pm ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm				AA 11:00 pm

