

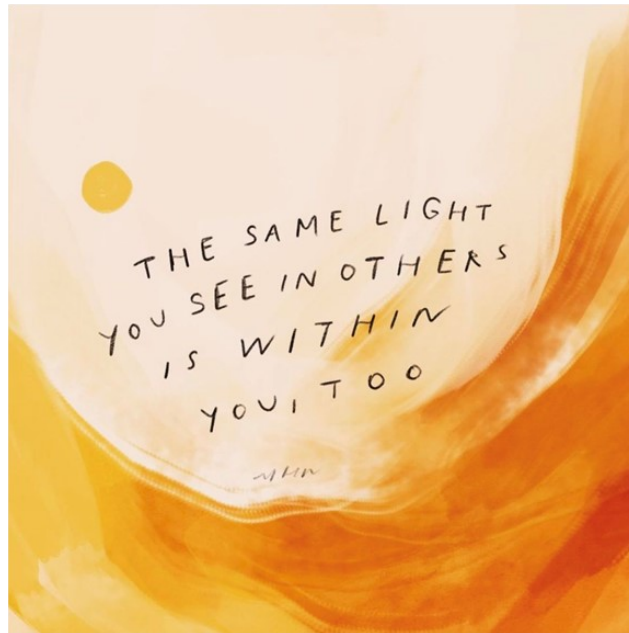


# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

June 12, 2022

First Sunday after Pentecost

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**

*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** *Lead Kindly Light*

John Henry Newman arr. Steven Warner

**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 we remember the light,  
**that it shines in us and through us.**  
Come gladly 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** *Jesus Loves Me!* Chalice (blue), 113

1. *Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.*

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

2. *Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."*

*(Refrain)*

3. *Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.*

*(Refrain)*

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

Creator God, whose world this is, may we be fully alive in it –  
heeding our call, seeing the light within each other,  
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 two staves of musical notation 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 written below the notes.

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

*Wyatt Preston Neumann, child of Krystle (McGuire) and Roy Neumann, sibling of Everly  
Godparents: Denise and Mark Verner*

### 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**

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

### **Prayer for the Baptized**

...Let all the people say: **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**    *Soon and Very Soon*  
Senior Choir

Schrader/Crouch

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**    Matthew 5:14-16

**SERMON**    *This Little Light*

**CELEBRATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL MINISTRY**    Hollace Bristol & Karen Needham

### **DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer**

**\*HYMN**    *This Little Light*

African-American Spiritual

- 1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine –  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*
- 2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine—  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*
- 3. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine –  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**    *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him*

arr. Lani Smith