

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

June 19, 2022 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. In Person & Live Streamed



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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 Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gift

Steven Warner

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Whatever energizes our spirits and deepens them,

may we experience that today.

Whatever challenges our spirits and wearies them,

may we know God's presence there.

Whatever will awaken us to our place in the Body of Christ,

may that be stirred in us now.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

may we receive it as the gift of God.

*HYMN Morning Has Broken Pilgrim (red), 38

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dew-fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

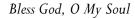
*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of times and seasons, God of all our experience, may we not forget that you are always and everywhere – with us when we are gathered and when we are not, with us through days of joy and hours of trial. Remind us today that we belong to one another, and that all belong to you, parts of one whole, members of one body. Help us to hear that wisdom and to heed its call, that we might be the presence of love in our world, for each other and for all others.

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.







READING FROM SCRIPTURE Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON Circles of Belonging

ANTHEM Ave Maria Soloist, Judy Robinson Franz Schubert

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

God of every goodness,
may your spirit bless all the offerings we make,
that they might be forms of love in this world.
Take our minds and think through them,
our voices and speak through them;
take our hands and serve through them,
our hearts and love through them,
for the sake of the gospel and for the sake of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN In Christ There is No East or West Chalice (blue), 687

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be; All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; All loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen

*POSTLUDE God Is Here

Green/Taylor (Abbot's Leigh)