



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. In Person & Live Streamed



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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 *If My People Will Pray*

Jimmy Owens

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!
May we rejoice in God's gifts of love,
and be glad in our opportunities to live them.
May we be mindful of our callings,
and seek to live them well.
Today may we hear the voice of the still-speaking God,
calling us alive in all seasons.

***HYMN** *The Summer Days Are Come Again*

Pilgrim (red), 457

*The summer days are come again; once more the glad earth yields
Her golden wealth of ripening grain, and breath of clover fields.
And deepening shade of summer woods, and glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts and happy moods of love and joy and prayer.*

*The summer days are come again; the birds are on the wing;
God's praises, in their loving strain, unconsciously they sing.
We know who giveth all the good that doth our cup o'erbrim;
For summer joy in field and wood, we lift our song to him.*

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

**God of every new day and season,
as we gather today may we remember
that this is your beloved creation
and that your hand is everywhere in it.**

As you call us, may we awaken;
as you invite us, may we respond,
so that in all we say, in all we do, in all we are,
we might live the purposes you give us.
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**

Bless God, O My Soul



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the lyrics: "Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!". The second staff continues the melody and accompaniment for the lyrics: "Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

SERMON *What Is Ours to Do?*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *He Watching Over Israel* Felix Mendelssohn from *Elijah*

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 *Here I Am, Lord* *Chalice (blue), 452*

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have heard my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

(Refrain)

3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?*

(Refrain)

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*POSTLUDE *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

(Babilone)