



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

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PENTECOST

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



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, please stand.*

***Bold** denotes unison voice.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

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 *Still, My Soul, Be Still* Getty/Townend arr. Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

From out of our silent depths into our visible gathering,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Calling us from our separateness into our oneness,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Binding together the wonderer, the wanderer, the dissenter, the affirmer,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Revealing your presence in and among us all,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***HYMN** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Chalice (blue), 245

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,
To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

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

Holy Spirit, gather us:

call us together and help us to know

our unity in you, our shared belonging in Christ,

so that wherever we are on life's paths

we will awaken to the new life you want to give us.

Help us to be a Pentecost people, a Pentecost church,

energized by a brave and loving vision for life in this world

and committed to living it.

We gather our prayers into one prayer, 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** *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ANTHEM *River in Judea* Marcus/Feldman arr. John Leavitt
The Senior Choir

Following this, children may go to church school.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR The Deacons

Evan Rees

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

SERMON *Whoever You Are...*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

HYMN (seated) *One Bread, One Body*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served in the pews. As the elements are passed, please wait until all have been served and all will partake together. Gluten-free bread is in the center of each bread plate. The juice trays hold non-alcoholic grape juice, with a few cups of water available on each.

Invitation

Friends in Christ, we come to this table of grace,
each of us individually and all of us together.
We come to this table of blessing,
to meet the Risen One who calls us --
we who have much faith and we who struggle with faith,
we who have been here often and we who have not.
Each of us and all of us participate in this one table,
because Christ invites us and God welcomes us,
because the Spirit makes us one body.

Prayer of Preparation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Loving God, giver of life and new life, we thank you for all your good gifts.
Now fed by your love, we go out into the day and the week,
to be bread for each other and light for the world. Amen.**

Refrain: *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
Calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”
(Refrain)*

*You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you gifted your people with a law and a land,
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
(Refrain)*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
And down in the city you called once again
When you moved through your people on the rush of the wind.
(Refrain)*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decision, your people arise.
(Refrain)*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Sevenfold Amen
The Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Spirit Wind*

John Bartsch, Jr.

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

Final Church School day for the year is next Sun., June 12th;

children will participate in an intergenerational service.

The Strawberry Festival, planned for June 19th, has been cancelled,

due to insufficient sign-up.

The 3rd Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference of the U.C.C.

is Sat., June 18th, online. See www.sneucc.org for info. or registration.

Did You Know...

that any member of the church can attend a Church Council meeting to listen and observe regular Council business?

If you'd like to attend a meeting, please contact the church office ahead of time to find out whether a particular meeting will be held online via Zoom or in person, and, if on Zoom, to get the access information

SUMMER SERVICES WITH CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

We will once again be sharing services in July & August with the Canton Community Baptist Church.

We will host in July, they will host in August.

Services in both months at 10 a.m

Opportunity to Serve at Brian's Angels

The Missions & Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for Brian's Angels (serves the homeless in Bristol, an outreach we're now supporting monthly) **on Sat., June 18.**

Donated cookies are also much appreciated. See sign-up and info. on the kitchen door

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.

Coffee Hour

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday!

The coffee is provided... you can make it a family activity...all you need to bring is a quart of milk.

Snacks are optional. We thank our committees, **(July– Diaconate)** who fill in on a monthly rotation for any Sundays when we don't have anyone hosting coffee hours.

Our goal is not to have to tap our committees regularly for our hospitality function.

Sunday coffee hours matter to all of us!

Please use the sign-up sheet to take a Sunday. Thank you!

Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
Music Meeting 11:15 am Worship & Communion 10:00 am	ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm				AA 11:00 pm

