



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

**THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**July 10, 2022 ~ Fifth 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** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Tom Colvin

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Love the Lord your God

**with all your heart and soul, and with all of your strength as well!**

Love your neighbor as yourself

**with all your heart and soul, and with all of your strength as well!**

Do this and you will live!

**Let us worship our good and gracious God!**

**\*HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Chalice (blue), 517

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;  
take away the love of sinning; alpha and omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, never-more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be,  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.*

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

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness.  
Help us to walk in your footsteps, so we may never lose our way.  
Enable us to live and love in the way you have taught us  
so that we can act in grace with ALL whom we meet.  
This do we ask in Jesus' name, who has taught us to pray:

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 first line of the response: "Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!". The second staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the second line: "Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!". The lyrics are written below the notes.

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

**SERMON** *A Pet Peeve*

Rev. LaRochelle

**ANTHEM** *How Great Thou Art*  
Paul Stansel - vocal solo

Stewart Hine based on a Swedish folk melody

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN**     *I Need Thee Every Hour*     Chalice (blue), 578

*1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.*

*Refrain: I need thee, oh, I need thee, every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

*2. I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.*

*(Refrain)*

*3. I need thee every hour in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.*

*(Refrain)*

*4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.*

*(Refrain)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**     *Amen*

**\*POSTLUDE**     *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

C. F. Alexander arr. John Rutter

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We warmly welcome the congregation of The Canton Community Baptist Church,  
joining us for services in July, and their pastor, the Rev. Amy Johnson.

This morning we also welcome as our guest pastor the Rev. Dr. Robert LaRochelle,  
who has served both UCC and ELCA (Lutheran) churches.

His book *I Love the Church, I Hate the Church* has been published by Wipf and Stock.  
His first book, *Crossing the Street*, is now in second edition.