



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

THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**July 17, 2022 ~ Sixth 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

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In My Father's House*

Craig Courtney

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is good and loving to us all!

Give thanks and praise for all God has done for us.

Give thanks for God's presence as we live out our daily lives.

God is good!

Joined together this day, let us praise our loving God.

***HYMN** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Chalice (blue), 100

- 1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 2. Discordant humankind, in this your concord find,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing all that see his face;
may Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song.
through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken
by anxious thoughts that make us feel you are not near.
Help us know that you are.
Help us feel your real presence.
Help us to live out that presence.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, 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 for a sung response. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line, and the accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!". The second staff continues the melody and accompaniment with the lyrics: "Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!".

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Amos 8:4-10; Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

To Sit and Listen

Rev. LaRochelle

ANTHEM/SOLO

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Chalice (blue), 628

1. *Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tied, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, though the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*
2. *When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand, lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*
3. *When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone, at the rive I stand, guide my feet,
hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen*

***POSTLUDE** *God of Glory, God of Love*

Mary McDonald

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.