



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

July 3, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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



## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*\*All who are able, please stand.*

***Bold** denotes unison voice.*

### 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**     *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Cesareo Gabarain

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us be gathered, people of God, from all our different places.

**We come together in one place, remembering that we are one body.**

From whatever our journeys, our paths, our experiences,

**Christ calls us into one beloved community.**

Let the bonds of that community be strong in us today –

**the bonds of peace and love, of courage and compassion.**

Let us nurture them in ourselves, in our nation and in our world,

**so that in us are seen the ways of Christ, toward all.**

**\*HYMN**     *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*     *Chalice (blue), 725*

*God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land, with thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud and praise be ever thine.*

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

**God of all creation,  
we once more open our hearts and minds  
in a common listening for your voice,  
as we seek wisdom for living,  
courage for choosing,  
strength for following.**

**We trust in your forgiving love that holds us in grace,  
even in those times when we miss the mark,  
knowingly or unknowingly.**

**We trust that you are at work in each of us and all of us,  
in the life of our nation, and in the life of the world.**

**Awaken us, stir us, energize us  
so that in all the blessings and challenges of these times,  
we might remain fixed on what is good, noble, right and just, for all.  
This we ask in Jesus' name and spirit, as we also pray 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 melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!  
Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE** Galatians 6:1-10, Philippians 4:4-9

**SERMON** *The One We Feed*

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer**

**ANTHEM/SOLO** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Samuel Ward

Jim Todd-soloist

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to participate. Communion will be served in the pews. The cup at the center of each bread plate contains gluten-free bread. The cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice, with a few cups of water also available. Please wait until all have been served and all will partake together.*

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, Eternal One, for the gifts of your table,  
reminders of all the goodness of your creation.

Now send us out to live and serve in your world,  
as good stewards of freedom, courageous disciples of Christ,  
and loving people of God. Amen.

**\*HYMN**      *Let There Be Peace on Earth*      Chalice (blue), 677

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we;  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Amen*

**\*POSTLUDE**      *All Good Gifts*      from Godspell      Stephen Schwartz

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For the month of July, we welcome members of  
The Canton Community Baptist Church, and their pastor, the Rev. Amy Johnson.  
They will host our shared services in August.

## 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

*The flowers this morning are given by the Adajian Family  
in loving memory of Joan, Merrilyn and Michael Adajian.*

### Staff vacation

Rev. Brenda will be on vacation from July 4 through 18.  
For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact the church office or  
the Senior Deacons, Casey Levine and Hugh Anderson.

### For the next two Sundays, July 10 and 17 Guest Pastor

Our guest pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Robert LaRochelle,  
a retired UCC pastor who has served both UCC and ELCA (Lutheran) churches.  
His latest book, I Love the Church, I Hate the Church, has been recently published.

### Special Coffee Hour Next Sunday

Our coffee hour next Sunday, July 10,  
will be an informal gathering with Bill Thomas and his family,  
dedicated to the memory of Ellie Thomas who passed away on June 30.  
The family would like a simple and informal opportunity on that day to visit  
with church friends and share memories

### Do You Know about Scrip?

Scrip is a fundraising program Canton Center Church has been running for over 6 years.

If you ever give or use gift cards, Scrip is great to get involved with.

You can purchase a gift card for any number of 700+ retailers, restaurants, online stores and our church gets some money back from every gift card sold.

The beauty is that you pay and receive face value of the card, so there is no additional spend for you.

Stop by the Scrip table in the parish hall during coffee hour to learn more or see what we have in stock for immediate purchase.

### Sunday Flowers

If you would like to help out and contribute flowers for **July 24 or July 31**, it would be very much appreciated.

Please email Nancy at [nanalford@snet.net](mailto:nanalford@snet.net) or call 860-693-2863.

### Our Missions & Outreach Collection for the month of July

Missions will collect backpacks and school supplies for Wellmore Behavioral Health, which serves families in need.

The following items are needed and may be left in the Missions box in the vestibule outside the kitchen:

**Backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers, elastic book covers, assignment notebooks, rulers, sticky notes, and nutritious snacks such as granola bars, dried fruits, etc.**

### Thank you to our singers and instrumentalist this summer:

July 3 Jim Todd                      July 17 Cindy Webb  
July 10 Paul Stansel                July 31 Bill Thomas

Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
<b>Worship &amp; Communion 10:00 am</b>	ACA 7:00 pm	AA 7:00 pm				AA 11:00 pm

