



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

AND

THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

July 31, 2022 ~ Eighth 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

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, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Everywhere, the music of God;
the song of life, singing itself in all things.
Everywhere, the voice of the Singer;
the Holy One, stirring in us and among us.
Friends, let us awaken to the music of all creation.

***HYMN** *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Chalice (blue), 7
Verses 1, 2 and 5

*When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried "Alleluia!"*

*How often, making music we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound "Alleluia!"*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always "Alleluia!"*

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

**We praise you, Giver of life and new life,
for the gift of this new day and its every blessing.**

May we open to the sound of your Spirit
as it moves through us,
touching our hope and our need,
our strength and our fear.

May we open to the song of life,
new every day, new this day,
calling to us all.

This 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 with: "Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!". The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96: 1-6; Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON *The Music of the Spirit*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Generous God, we give thanks for all good gifts you give us
for the blessing of our own lives and the life of the world,
and pray that your grace will help us use faithfully
all that we offer – time, talent and treasure –
for the work of love in your creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

HYMN SING

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen*

*POSTLUDE *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Craig Courtney

*The flowers this morning are give by Casey Levine
in loving memory of her grandmother, Susan Lucia,
whose birthday was today, July 31st”.*

SHARED SERVICES IN AUGUST- will be held at the Canton Community Baptist Church,
125 Dowd Ave., 10 a.m. Regular services resume at Canton Center Church on Sept. 4.

BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES - For the month of July, and extending into the first week of Aug.,
we'll be collecting backpacks and school supplies for Wellmore Behavioral Health, which serves
families in need. Items may be left in the Missions box in the vestibule outside the kitchen.
Needed: ***Backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers, elastic book covers,
assignment notebooks, rulers, sticky notes, and nutritious snacks- granola bars, dried fruits, etc.***

SCRIP CARRIES ON THROUGH AUGUST! - Even though we will not be having services here in the
Canton Center building, you can still shop Scrip through the month of August! Just email or call Casey
with your order (c.levine@comcast.net or 860-693-0134) and you can pick it up or have it delivered.
Check out their website at www.raiseright.com or contact me to get the full list of retailers available.
Thank you for your continued support!

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