



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

**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 or front of the church.*

PRELUDE *First Arabesque*

Claude Debussy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we are called together in spirit,
to remember the presence and goodness of God:
To hold fast to what is good, to resist what is evil,
to be humble and hopeful, to live peaceably with all.
Today, again, whatever our stories,
we listen for the voice of the Eternal One.

***HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pilgrim (red) 66
Verses 1-4

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of this and all days,
we gather as your people, to praise and to learn,
to give thanks for life's good gifts,
to acknowledge that we sometimes betray
the bonds of our common humanity.

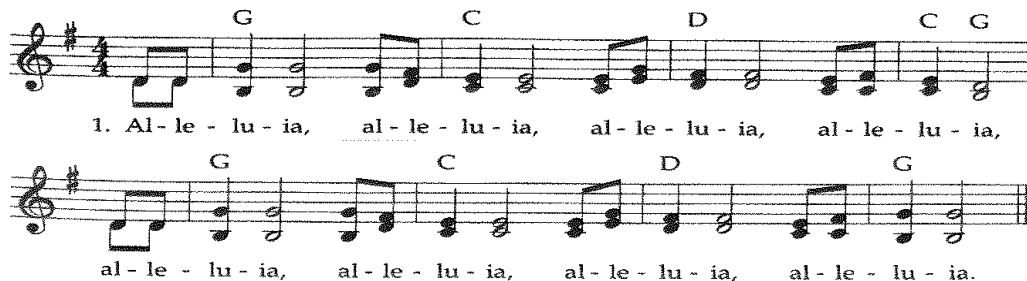
God of every journey and every story,
no matter our struggles or failures,
may we learn to see your love in everything
and turn our lives toward it.

This we ask 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

Alleluia



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FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

For the Canton Food Bank

Following this, children may leave for church school.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-2, 9-17

Pew Bible, p. 922

Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible, p. 853

SERMON *On Humility*

PIANO ANTHEM *Improvisation on Balm in Gilead*

Joseph M. Martin

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

The God of every goodness blesses us abundantly,
giving us gifts to use for the blessing of the world.
From our own lives into the lives of others,
**may the offerings we make,
in all the forms they take,
help us be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.**

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
One God, triune, whom we adore*

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Pilgrim (red), 218

*O Jesus, I have promised, to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Courante*

George Friedrich Handel