



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

October 1, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



Faith makes everything possible.

Hope makes everything work.

Love makes everything beautiful.

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand if able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements are welcome, please be in the front pews at the start of the announcements. Offerings and prayer request on the yellow prayer cards found in the pews may be placed in the offering plate at the time of the offering or in the designated boxes on the back table.

PRELUDE

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

John Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered once again for our words to be filled with the Spirit of hope.
And our hearts to be filled with the love of God.

***HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

Pilgrim (red) 38

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

God of all Creation, we offer our gratefulness for Your forgiving grace that lifts our being and urges us to always be forgiving to others who may knowingly or unknowingly hurt us emotionally. We give great thanks for Your unconditional love that warms us and brightens our lives instructing us to do likewise with all people no matter what divides us. Fill us with courage and strength through our hope in Jesus so we do not fall or surrender to feelings of discouragement and doubt. With faith in our souls and hope in our hearts, may each of us be filled to overflowing love fostering peace and joy to our neighbors near and abroad in this wonderful universe You created. In Jesus' Name, Amen

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.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Hubert Parry arr. Sue Mitchell Wallace
Senior Choir

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE



1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Romans 8:28-39

SERMON

Hope & Faith Foster LOVE & Love Fosters HOPE & FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer*

HYMN (seated)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, I come to You today
with a humble heart and a contrite spirit.
Forgive me for all my sins and cleanse my heart and soul.
Help me to receive You with faith, hope, and love.

Invitation

Words of Institution

Passing out the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God Almighty

Chalice (blue) 4

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *The Gift of Love* trad. English Hal Hopson words
Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Frederick Faber tune: Corvedale

***The Worship is ended...
~Our Service Now Begins~***

