



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

September 24, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



*Teamwork makes the dream work." ~ Bang Gae*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*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 period. **Offerings and prayer request** on the yellow prayer request 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**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Harry Rowe Shelley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(adapted from Ps. 98)

**Come, let us worship the God of the universe,  
who works all things together for good for those who love Him.**

He is the God who calls us to work together as a team,  
in unity, to fulfill God's purpose.

**Let us bow before him in reverence and humility.**

**For God is the holy and righteous God, and God's love endures forever.**

Let us praise God's name, for He is worthy of all our praise.  
Come, let us begin our worship in song!

**\*HYMN**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

Chalice (Blue) 611

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**As we begin our time of worship, we release our cares and anything else that would hinder us from experiencing more of You in this service today. We focus our hearts and minds on You most loving Lord. We come to You today especially to worship You as the God who works all things together for good. We thank You for the gift of teamwork and unity. We pray that You would help us to work together as Your church to build Your kingdom and to spread Your love to the world. Give us the wisdom to see how we**

can best use our gifts and talents to serve You and to serve others. Help us to put aside our differences and to work together as one team, united in our love for You and for our neighbors.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

**\*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**     *Give Me A Song*  
Senior Choir

Pepper Choplin

**\*Doxology** (please stand)

*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious Lord, help us remember that no gift is too small, and that every gift that precedes from the heart is given in love. As we offer our gifts this day, we pray You will use them to make a difference in the world.

**Fourth Sunday Food Collection**

*(The youth are excused for Church school)*

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE



*1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

*Mark 6:7-13*

## SERMON

~ *CCC Camaraderie* ~

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns*

*Moment of Silence*

*Pastoral Prayer*

\*HYMN     *God of Grace and God of Glory*     Chalice (Blue) 464

## \*BENEDICTION

I pray that the Lord will bless and protect you, and that He will show you mercy and kindness. May the Lord be good to you and give you peace.

~Numbers 6:24-26

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE     *Amen*     Felix Mendelssohn

\*POSTLUDE     *Abbot's Leigh*     Cyril Taylor     arr. Lee Afdahl

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