



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

May 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter
In Person & Live Streamed



*If I could give you information of my life, it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do In His service what He has done in her.
And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing.
~Florence Nightingale*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to make a brief 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDELS BY THE ACOLYTES

PRELUDE *Recuerdos (Memories)* Francisco Tarrega arr. Kevin McChesney
Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir, Jon Keefe-guitar and piano (vibes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mother and Father of us all, thank You for loving us from the beginning of time.
You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs, You knit us together lovingly,
Your devotion to us has not failed, Your care has followed us our whole life long.

**We come together to worship our loving, nurturing God,
who, like a mother, knows us intimately.**

Who loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need.

**Let us lift our voices in praise to God and bear witness to God's
acts of mercy and love. Let us proclaim God's glory to all.**

***HYMN** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Pilgrim (Red) #246

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

Loving God of all Creation, Your life pulses in each of our hearts, and permeates each of our lives. Your care sustains us in each moment, and Your compassion guides us in each situation. When we fall, You lift us; when we fail, You restore us; when we are wounded, You nurse us; when we grieve, You weep with us and comfort us in Your loving arms. 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

Our gifts today are an investment in hope, for this congregation, our neighbors, and the world. Let us give with open hearts and watch as God uses our contributions to make a difference. With grateful hearts let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

Soon and Very Soon Andrae Crouch arr. Jack Schrader
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**

We come before You today, overflowing with thankfulness for Your countless blessings. These offerings are a small token of our appreciation, and we dedicate these gifts to the vital work of Canton Center Church. May Your guiding hand ensure these resources are used to spread Your message and serve those in need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS OF PANSIES

(Following the dedication reading, we invite all women who would like to receive the beautiful pansies from our youth, to come forward.)

SCRIPTURE



Proverbs 31:10-31 Pew Bible page 535
Romans 16:1-16 Pew Bible page 925

SERMON

Contagious Courage

*HYMN

The Lord's Prayer

Chalice (blue), #307

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

Of Women, and Women's Hopes We Sing

Chalice (Blue) #686

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen*

*POSTLUDE *Andante Maestoso (Jupiter)* Gustav Holst arr. Kevin McChesney

The Worship is ended ~Our Service Now Begins

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

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