



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

June 2, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost
In Person & Live Streamed



*The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.*

~Isaiah 11:1,2

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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.

PRELUDE

Pass It On
Junior Choir

Directed by Judy Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Church School Youth

Alright people, raise your hands for high fives! Today Canton Center Church graduates the Church school and Confirmation Class. Come on: HIGH FIVE your neighbor!

Congregation: High fiving your neighbor with cheers, applause, a halleluia!

Please listen all you adults! We're here to celebrate some amazing young children and young adults who've been growing their faith and making a difference. They've faced tests, aced quizzes, (well kind of), and are ready to party!

Congregation: cheers, clapping, a few 'yeah', 'right on'!

But before we head out for summer vacation and our next adventure, let's take a moment to chill, join together, and give thanks to the One who is above all things, the One God we have learned about and helps us through it all. Let's get ready to worship!

Congregation: cheers, or 'Woohoo'!

First, we need to take a moment to make sure we're fueled up (spiritually, that is!), and maybe even ask for directions from the Ultimate Guide - God.

"That's right!"

Let's begin our epic journey of worship, full of faith, and prepare for amazing things to come!

We are so happy to celebrate with you today and so very proud of each and every one of you. We are ready to join you in worshipping our amazing God!

***HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Chalice (Blue) #22

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

Tyler Baldwin

Almighty and Gracious Heavenly Lord, we gather here today, overflowing with joy and pride. We celebrate our amazing graduates, young people who have dedicated themselves to learning and growing in their faith. Just like seeds planted in the earth, they have sprouted knowledge and blossomed with a deeper understanding of Your love. We thank You for nurturing them with Your guidance and grace. Today marks a new beginning, a stepping stone on their faith journey. Fill them with courage and confidence guiding their decisions with Your light and love. We also lift up our Church School teachers, our Mentors, and leaders. You have used their hands and hearts to help plant Your seeds of faith in these young hearts. May this celebration be a testament to the power of faith and community. We come together, young and old, to learn, grow, and support one another on this incredible journey.

***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

As we continue our worship today, we now have the opportunity to express our devotion through our offerings. Those overflowing pockets can find relief now as we pass the offering plate. Seriously, we thank you for anything you are able to give so your church and mine here in Canton Center can fulfill our mission of serving others. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

A Song at the Crossroads
Senior Choir

Larry Shackley
Directed by Jerry Aonzy

***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**

Sean Collins

Loving God, we offer these gifts not just for ourselves, but for those in need. May Your wisdom guide us in using these resources to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate. Grant us the compassion to serve others with generosity and love, reflecting Your light in the world. Bless these offerings to become instruments of Your mercy. Amen.

CHURCH SCHOOL PRESENTATION OF BIBLES AND CERTIFICATES

DEACON’S GIFT TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

Pew Bible pg. 822

Jack Neumann

CONFIRMAND READINGS

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns ~ Moment of Silence ~ Prayer *Noah Herbek*

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

Chalice (Blue) #452

***BENEDICTION**

Maria Emirzian

May the Holy Spirit, like a warm flame, ignite the gifts we have witnessed today. Go forth, young and not so young alike, carrying the light of Christ into the world. May your courage bloom in the face of challenges, your compassion be a beacon to those in need, and your faith a steady guide on your journey. Remember, you are never alone. Walk with God, walk with each other, and walk in the joy of your newfound strength. Go in peace, and may God bless you all. Amen.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Kristin Oswald & Cora Mutch

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Substitute Organist: Asher Scarlato

Coffee Hour: Geri Bunnell