



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

June 9, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

In Person & Live Streamed



I think it is a good thing that the Trinity is confusing.

If it weren't, we wouldn't have the desire to learn more. ~ Jule Warner

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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

Land of Rest Traditional American arr. Joseph M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Can you imagine a love so vast it exists in three persons, yet remains one?
How can creation exist without a Creator, redemption without a Redeemer,
or guidance without a Comforter?

We stand in awe of the mystery of the Trinity!

The world thirsts for unity, for love that transcends differences.

**We worship the Trinity, a model of perfect unity in diversity!
The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for they are one!**

With open hearts and curious minds, let us begin our worship.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Pilgrim (Red) #246

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

Almighty God, mystery beyond understanding, we gather today to worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. On this Trinity Sunday, open our hearts to the wonder of Your triune nature. Though our minds may struggle to grasp it fully, grant us understanding, even as it may be limited. Open our hearts to the beauty of Your mystery. May we experience Your love as the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who guides us. Make us instruments of Your love in the world. We pray in the name of the Holy Trinity, 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

God in ONE: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are blessed beyond blessing. In gratitude for our blessings, we invite you to participate in the offering as an expression of your own faith and generosity. Every contribution, big or small, strengthens our ability to serve others. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell

***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**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer is the breath of life
to our soul; holiness is
impossible without it.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON *THE GREAT DEBATE*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer over the Elements

Serving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are we Lord for filling us with Your presence, a flame of love that warms our hearts and renews our spirits. May this holy meal flow through us into the world. Make us beacons of light radiating Your compassion and grace lifting praise to Your Holy Name. This we pray nourished by Your love. Amen

***HYMN** *Go in Peace* Chalice (Blue) #445

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen*

***POSTLUDE** *Air* Henry Purcell

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: Phil Doyle & Cora Mutch
Camera Operator: Casey Levine

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Coffee Hour: Debbie Polyestewa