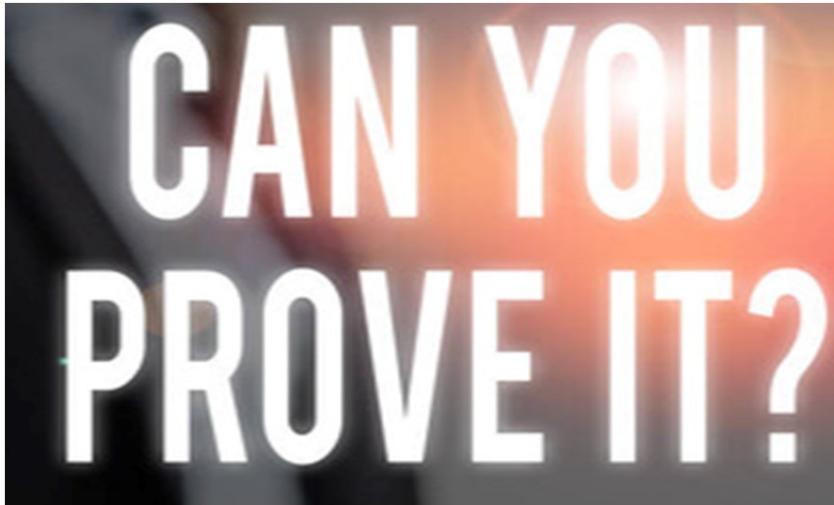




**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT
AND**

THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**August 4, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
In Person & Live Streamed**



Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers, and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love.

~Thérèse of Lisieux

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

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 *Children of the Heavenly Father (based on a Swedish folk tune)* Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gifted people because of God's gracious design with which He has created us.

There are various gifts of all kinds that come from our Lord.

The greatest gift of all is love. It is the gift that makes all the others effective.

With God's gift of love, we can carry out all things

God has assigned His church.

Let us begin our worship giving praise

and gratitude to Almighty God.

***HYMN** *Rise Up, O Saints of God* Chalice (Blue) #611

***GATHERING PRAYER**

Divine Creator, guide our thoughts and words as we come together. Open our minds to understand one another and strengthen the bond of unity that unites us in Your name.

We offer our prayers and intentions, asking that You bless our congregation and fill it with Your wisdom and grace. Amen.

***HYMN** *The Lord's Prayer* Chalice (Blue), #307

***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

Dear God, bless not only the gifts we bring, but also the hearts from which they come. Inspire us to be cheerful givers, and to continue to share Your blessings with the world. We will now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

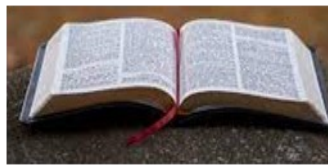
*Doxology

*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

Everlasting God, as we bring forth these gifts, our hearts brim with the joy of giving. We are inspired by Your boundless generosity and love. We offer not just our resources, but also our commitment to spreading that joy throughout the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE



Matthew 22:15-22,34-40,46 ~ Pew Bible pg. 803

SERMON

From Words to Witness: Living Out Our Faith

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer*

***HYMN**

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Chalice (Blue) #387

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer over the Elements

Serving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, 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**

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

The Worship is ended ~Our Service Now Begins