



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

THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**August 11, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
In Person & Live Streamed**



“If we love one another, God lives in us, and God’s love is perfected in us.”

1 John 4:12

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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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J S Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body, mind or spirit and join me in the call to worship.

As the weak realize their strength;
as the poor eat and are satisfied,

God's love abides in us.

As the stranger finds a friend;
as the family offers forgiveness,

God's love abides in us.

As the ends of the earth know of Christ's grace,

God's love abides in us.

***HYMN**

Take My Life

Chalice (Blue) #609

***GATHERING PRAYER**

Let us enter into a time of prayer together...

Holy God

We gather in worship today in the name of Love.

Through your spirit guide us

With your Son teach us

How to love as You do.

Your love is abundant, ever present, warm, and enfolding.

**Your love also challenges us to see one another
and all others as beloved children of God.**

Even those we don't like very much.
Especially those we don't like very much.

Today we say thank you for your abiding love.
Because you loved us first,
We carry this gift out into the world.

By Your Spirit,
With Your Son,
Show us how to Love in new ways.
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



OFFERTORY

Marching to Zion
Soloist - Jim Todd



Isaac Watts/Robert Lowry

*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.*

*COMMUNAL PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundant love, in you, nothing is lost.

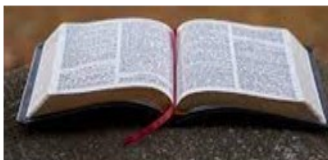
Gather our offerings, as Jesus gathered up the baskets of leftover food.

Gather our efforts, as Jesus gathered the hopes of the people.

Gather our service, as Jesus gathered people to God's heavenly banquet.

Bless the offerings we have gathered, that nothing may be lost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE



1 John 4:7-21 ~ Pew Bible pg. 991

SERMON

Abiding Love

Ali Hager

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

They'll Know we are Christians

Chalice (Blue) #494

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **Amen**

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

The Worship is ended ~Our Service Now Begins