



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

**AND THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**August 18, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**In Person & Live Streamed**



*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*

*~Leo Buscaglia*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

**CHIMES**

**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**

*O Brother Man*

Whittier/Ringwald

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dear God, we place our lives, our faith, and our hope in Your hallow Hands.

**Fill us, we pray, with Your power through our service this day  
that we may be fortified to do Your will.**

Trust in God this day to intercede in your life and in this world.

**Our lives are not without challenges, yet we know God is faithful  
and we are blessed to be in our Lord's presence each day.**

**\*HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Pilgrim (Red) #15

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

**Almighty God, our Rock, Redeemer, and Protector, we gather before  
You today, hearts burdened by with the ills of the world, yet filled with  
the joy of being Your children. As we open ourselves to Your word, fill  
this place with the music of your angels, guiding us for the week ahead.  
Direct us to follow the path of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in all we do as it is  
in Christ's name we offer this prayer, 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**

As we continue our worship this morning, let's take a moment to reflect on God's blessings in our lives. Through our offerings, we have the opportunity to express our gratitude simply by returning a portion of what God has given us, and our collective offerings allow us to work together for the greater good. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



## **OFFERTORY**

*How Great Thou Art*  
Paul Stansel - soloist

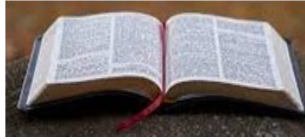
## **\*Doxology**

*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**

Dear God, may these offerings be used wisely to further Your work in this community and beyond. Bless the givers and the recipients, and may all that is given be used to spread Your love and bring glory to Your name. We pray these gifts will provide and bring comfort and hope to those who need it most. Amen

## SCRIPTURE



James 1:17-27 ~ Pew Bible pg. 980  
Mark 7:1-8;14-23 ~ Pew Bible pg.

## SERMON

*Zip It, Lock It, Fling It*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns*  
*Moment of Silence*  
*Pastoral Prayer*

## \*HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Chalice (Blue) #27

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen

## \*POSTLUDE

*Rondeau*

Henry Purcell

*The Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins*

