



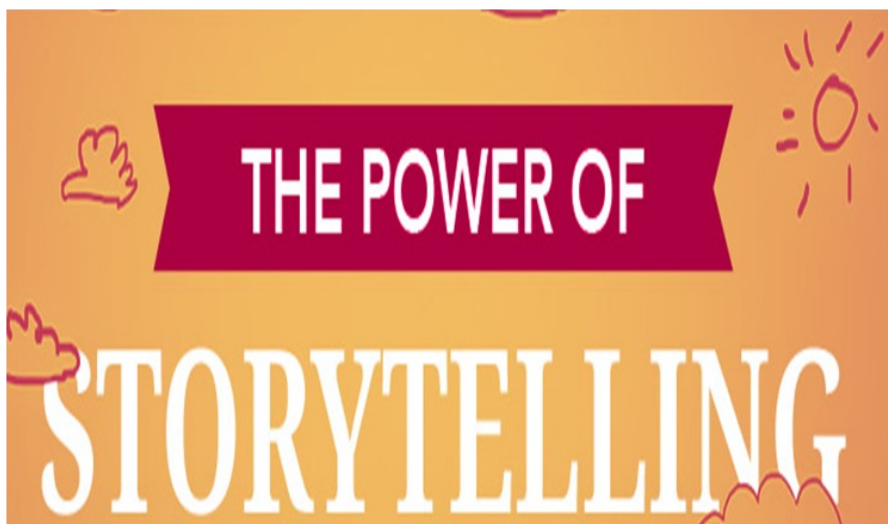
**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT**

AND THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



*“Be an advocate for the people and causes important to you,
using the most powerful tool only you have, your personal stories.”*

~John Capecci and Timothy Cage

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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

Like As a Father

arr. Austin Love Lace - Luigi Cherubini

CALL TO WORSHIP

A good summer morning to you! Are you alert, centered, and joy filled? Are you ready to worship the Creator of the World?

Yes, we are awake, energized and excited to hear God's word, sense the Lord in our silence and relax in God's presence.

There are many times in our lives we have called on God who sustains and restores us to hopefulness. Let us praise and thank God for all our blessings.

Let us bless our loving Lord with music and song, singing and praying, lifting our hearts to God's divine goodness among us!

***HYMN**

I Love to Tell the Story

Chalice (Blue) #480

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

Unison Prayer of Invocation

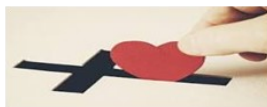
Lord Jesus, You came to heal our spirits and our souls. You came to us in the flesh to show us how to live our lives through the eyes of the Divine. Cast from our lives the evils of arrogance, indifference, and apathy. Fill the void in our souls with humility, compassion, and warmth. Teach us to see one another as sisters and brothers that we may learn to live as one family. Heal our hearts of any discord allowing our spirits to be fully mindful of all our blessings. Sustain in us a spirit of joy in serving You. Guide us to be agents of peace and hope. New life is offered in Christ our Lord. Let us Rejoice! 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



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ~Luke 6:38



OFFERTORY



The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Jerry Alonzy - soloist

***Doxology**

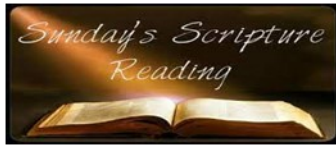
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, source of all abundance, we come before You with hearts filled with gratitude. You have blessed us abundantly, providing for our every need. As we offer these gifts, we acknowledge that they are truly Yours, given to us to be used for Your purposes. May these offerings be a reflection of our faith and love for You. Use them to further Your kingdom, to comfort the afflicted, and to bring hope to the world. We pray for wisdom in how these funds are used, that they may be a blessing to many. Thank You for the privilege of serving You through our giving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SONG

Me On Your Mind Matthew West & Anne Wilson
sung by Jon & daughter, Melaney from Canton Baptist Church



John 8:2-11 ~ Pew Bible pg. 870

SERMON

Unveiling the Untold Stories - Can a Story Change Everything?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Chalice (Blue) #557

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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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 & Tim Lundgren

Coffee Hour: Rebecca Glinsman & Kathleen Lundgren

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Trustees: Sue Lampros & Bob Howson