



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

September 29, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



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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 *Bless the Lord My Soul* (Arioso) Johann Sebastian Bach arr. Hal Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

**For we seek your presence, the company of this community,
and the renewal of our minds and spirits.**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

**For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we
Reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

**For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground;
whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter;
however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!**

***HYMN**

As the Sun Doth Daily Rise

Pilgrim (Red) #33

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

**Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter worship, may our
harmony extend beyond our songs. May our distinctiveness be welcomed,
our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a source of delight.
May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the
beloved community of the kingdom in your name this day and everyday.
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

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Senior Choir

Henry Purcell

***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**

Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these
gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor
every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a
demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.

(Youth are excused for Church School)

SCRIPTURE



Matthew 6:25-31 Pew Bible pg. 787
Psalm 104:24-30 Pew Bible pg. 483

SERMON

Dressing the Flowers

Alexa Rollow

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal (Blue) #61

*BENEDICTION

May the love of God uphold you as your love of neighbor compels you.
May the peace of Christ sustain you as the work of peace inspires you.
May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct you as the call to
community beckon you. Go, in the assurance of belonging to God and
one another in hope and joy. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Be with You
Senior Choir

Charles Yannerella

*POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Melchior Teschnor arr. Lani

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie
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