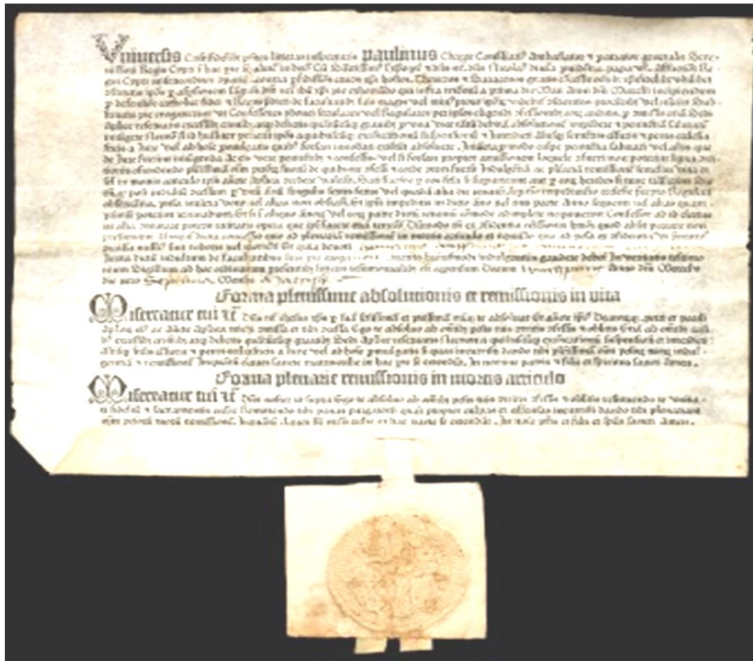




THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

October 27, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
In Person & Live Streamed



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All that matters is that God's Word be given free course to encourage and enliven hearts so that they do not become burdened. ~ Martin Luther

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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* Based on Psalm 103 J.S. Bach arr. Hal Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to a time of wonder and music that calls us home.

**Transform us into Your likeness, Lord Jesus,
and feed us through Your generous Word.**

Listen to God's words that inspire and remind us that we are offered holy hospitality.

Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others.

Gently hear the still soft voice that resonates in your heart of God's love, and freedom from all worries.

Let us welcome God in our hearts, sing of His mercies, lift prayers to His Name, and honor the Creator with humble praise!

***HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Pilgrim (Red) #363

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

Creator God, this is the day that You have made! This is the day You have called Holy: Sabbath day, a rest day, a time-out of the world and into Your presence: a day for worship and rejoicing. Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries, our to-dos, our should-haves and all our constant stress & strain. In its place, O Spirit of Holiness, give us more of You. Here in Your Holy House, our hearts are filled with peace, our tongues with shouts of joy. We are glad, yes, filled with glee, to worship with praise and thankfulness in our hearts as one people, one creation, for the grace You provide as we lift all to Your glory, 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 celebrate the Reformation today, let us be thankful to people like Martin Luther and all those who stood up for what they believed in and our religious freedom. Their courage has given us the freedom to worship God our way. Your offering will help us pursue our freedom of religious beliefs in spreading the good news and serving our community. We will now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

Praise the Lord with Music
Senior Choir

Jay Althouse

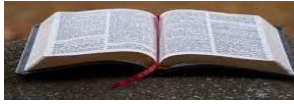
***Doxology**

*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**

Almighty God, as we dedicate this offering, we pray that it be used to advance Your kingdom and glorify Your name. May our gift be a seed that is sown in fertile ground, producing a harvest of faith, hope, and love. May it be used to strengthen our church, serve our community, and spread the Gospel throughout the world. We thank You for Your blessings upon us and for the opportunity to give back to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE



Psalm 103 Pew Bible pg. 482

SERMON

Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura
Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Chalice (Blue) #464

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peace I Leave with You
Senior Choir

Matthew Glandorf

*POSTLUDE

Praise Ye The Father

(Marche Romaine) Charles Gounod

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
Deacons: Beth Lingenheld & Paul Stansel
Trustees: Don Scott & Julius Ziemba

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia
Coffee Hour: Rebecca Glinsman