



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

November 10, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
In Person & Live Streamed



*Stewardship is the way we love God and neighbor with our whole lives,  
not just our wallets. ~Charles Lane & Grace Pomroy~*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*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**

*Celebration*

Cynthia Dobrinski

Cherry Brook Chime, Handbell Choir

*{For it is in giving that we receive ~Francis of Assisi}*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us gather in the presence of the Lord, the foundation of all we have.

**We give thanks to the Lord, the source of all good gifts!**

We acknowledge Your abundant blessings dear Lord, and today we reflect on our responsibility to steward Your gifts wisely.

**Let's open our hearts and minds to embrace God's call to generous giving.**

Let us celebrate the opportunity to share our blessings with others.

**We are ready! We are honored! With joyful hearts, let us worship the Lord!**

**\*HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

Pilgrim (Red) #21

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

Heavenly Father, we gather here today, grateful for Your abundant blessings. Thank You for the privilege of being Your children and stewards of Your grace. May the Holy Spirit move among us stirring our hearts with the honor to serve You as we minister with compassion and hospitality to others. Inspire us to use the gifts You have given us and be faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures. May our worship be a fragrant offering to You as we lift our voices in song and prayer. May Your peace and love surround and flow through us spreading hope and joy. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, 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**

Words from Proverbs 11:25: *A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.* Our offerings enable this congregation to keep the church structure and its ministries alive and well. May it be a beacon of light in this community and a blessing to others in need outside our town borders. May God bless each of you for your generosity. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



**OFFERTORY**

*Song for the Unsung Hero*  
Senior Choir

Pamela & Joseph Martin

**\*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**

With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts, Lord.  
Bless them and use them for the work of this church in serving others.

*(The youth are excused for Church school)*

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

*Jennifer Herbeck & Paul Stansel*

## SCRIPTURE



Proverbs 3:5-10

Mark 12:41-44

Pew Bible pg. 510

Pew Bible pg. 825

## SERMON

*Sowing Seeds of Optimism & Trust: A Legacy of Love*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns  
Moment of Silence  
Pastoral Prayer*

## \*HYMN

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Pilgrim (Red) #61

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*

## \*POSTLUDE

*Bourree in F Major*

Georg Telemann

*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

**Trustees:** Jen Herbek & Art Dewey

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Hollace Bristol

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Deacons:** Tim Lundgren & Kristin Oswald