



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

November 17, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
In Person & Live Streamed



Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times ~Martin Luther

*Let the sunrise of your love end our dark night.
Break through our clouded dawn again!
Only you can satisfy our hearts, filling us with songs of joy
to the end of our days. ~[Psalm 90:14](#)*

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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

Enter His Courts with Praise

Shirley Porter

*~During the prelude sense a calming, peaceful, serene aura surrounded in **God's presence**~*

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the One Source to whom we worship all creation flows.

Let our hearts overflow with praise and gratitude!

Our God, the Creator of all life, renews all things.

How wondrous are the works of our loving God!

We stand in awe of the Lord's wisdom, love and grace.

Let our praise echo through eternity! As one people, let us join with believers worldwide to worship our magnificent Maker!

***HYMN**

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Chalice (Blue) #718

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

Gracious God, our boundless source of hope, thank You for showering us with love, so pure and deep. Your power creates, sustains, and preserves a vast universe, reaching beyond the stars. In Your image, You formed us, unique and free, calling us to serve, joyfully. You light our path, dispelling the night, guiding our steps with Your loving light. Guide us in our journey of life, to listen for Your voice, attend to Your Word, and guide us in making right choices. Grant us Your strength, Your hope, and Your peace, so we may share all Your blessings with others. In Christ's name, 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.*

RECOGNITION OF LONGTERM MEMBERS

OFFERING

We turn now with joyful hearts to present our offerings as a tangible expression of our gratitude. Let us keep in mind the countless blessing God showers upon us and remember it is not just about the amount but the heart behind the gift. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

Hymn of Grateful Praise D. Fettke, Pierpont, T. Fettke
Senior Choir

***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, we thank You for Your abundant provision in our lives. As we present our offerings, may they be a reflection of Your overflowing love and grace. Multiply these gifts for Your kingdom's work. May they be used by this church to spread Your love. We pray that our giving will inspire others to generosity and that Your name will be glorified. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(The youth are excused for Church school)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence*

SCRIPTURE



Mark 1:32-39
Luke 5:15-16

Pew Bible pg. 813
Pew Bible pg. 836

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

*Navigating the Dark: A Journey of Faith and Hope
Discovering God's Presence in the Shadows*

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| *HYMN | <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> | Pilgrim (Red) #478 |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| *BENEDICTION RESPONSE | <i>Go in Peace</i>
Senior Choir | Waters/White |
| *POSTLUDE | <i>O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord</i> | Angerman/Martin |

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe
Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Trustees: Jen Herbek & Don Scott
Coffee Hour: Rebecca Glinsman

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol
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Greeters: Patti & Dan LeGeyt