



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

**March 16, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday in Lent**



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*Please stand if able.*

***Bold** denotes unison response.*

**CHIMES**

Karen Needham

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. Those wishing to make an 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**

*Ballad*

Edvard Grieg

*During the prelude an acolyte will light our altar candles*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

**\*HYMN**

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

John Hopkins

Pilgrim (Red) 481

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

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Every man accordingly has a purpose in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



**OFFERTORY**

*Come to the Water*  
Senior Choir

Linda Hasseler

**\*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**

Accept, O Lord, these offerings which the people make unto thee, and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under thy guidance, to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## SCRIPTURE



Psalm 27  
Luke 9:28-36

Pew Bible pg. 437  
Pew Bible pg. 843

## MESSAGE

*A Spiritual Odyssey*

Tim Lundgren

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



*Joys & Concerns Read  
Moment of Silence  
Prayer*

**\*HYMN**      *We Would Be Building*    (*Finlandia*) *John Sibelius*      Pilgrim (Red) #494

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *The Lord Be With You*      Charles Yannerella  
Senior Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**      *I Waited for the Lord*      Mendelssohn

*The Worship is ended...Our Service Now Begins*