



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

May 17, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

In Person & Live Streamed

Sermon: *Have You Lost Your Senses?*



*We have been endowed with spiritual senses
so that we can feel and enjoy God's presence.*

~Sadhu Sundar Singh

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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.

PRELUDE

Only Thou Art Holy

Mary McDonald Incorporating Nicaea

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning, brothers and sisters in Christ! Have you ever felt like you've lost your senses? Maybe it's happened once **or** maybe more than once! But today, you are right where you're supposed to be. We are on a journey to reawaken our senses to the presence of God. God meets us in the sights, sounds, and moments of this day.

We come ready to see, hear, and experience our glorious God.

The Spirit is here, stirring our hearts and renewing our senses, opening our eyes to His beauty, drawing us close to His nearness, helping us listen for His voice, and guiding our steps.

We come with joy, expectation, and gratitude.

So let us worship the God who meets us right where we are, with open hearts, open minds, and awakened senses.

With joy, praise, and expectation and with all that we are, we worship the Lord!

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Chalice (Blue) #464

*GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, we come before You with thankful hearts and renewed anticipation. You created us with senses to experience Your world and Your presence, and today we ask You to awaken them again. Open our eyes to the beauty around us. Open our ears to the whisper of Your Spirit. Let us feel Your nearness in this place and recognize Your hand at work in our lives. As we worship, restore what has grown weary and refresh what has grown dull.

Fill this sanctuary with Your joy, and fill our hearts with Your peace. We come ready to worship You with all that we are. 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.*

(The youth are excused for Church school)

OFFERING



OFFERTORY



We Are Called
Senior Choir

David Haas / Mark Hayes

***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 offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our trust. As You awaken our senses to Your presence, awaken our generosity, our compassion, and our willingness to follow where You lead. We ask that You bless these gifts and multiply their impact. Let them bring comfort, hope, and healing wherever they are needed. May what we give today become a blessing that reaches far beyond this place. Use these gifts, and use us, to share Your love in every place You send us. Amen

SCRIPTURE



Psalm 34:1-10
Hebrews 5:11-14

SERMON

Have You Lost Your Senses?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Silent Meditation
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Chalice (Blue) #595

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen

Sevenfold Amen
Senior Choir

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

DID YOU KNOW....We send out “WEEKLY EMAIL REMINDERS”

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