



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

June 21, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



*When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them,
fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread...
'Come and have breakfast,' Jesus said. ~ John 21:9-12*

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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

Give Me a Song

Pepper Choplin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are weary; come, you who are running on empty.

We come to the shore of God's grace, seeking nourishment and restoration.

Jesus meets us with a fire built and a table spread.

He knows our humanness; He remembers our basic needs before we even ask.

Today, we honor the gifts of caregiving, in the God who shepherds us, and in the men who steady us.

Let us worship the One who feeds our bodies and restores our souls!

May our hearts be opened to the quiet miracles that sustain us each day.

And may our gratitude for God rise like mist on the morning air.

***HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

Pilgrim (Red) #485

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

Holy and Loving God, we gather with hearts full of gratitude for the male caregivers in our lives. We thank You for the biological fathers, the stepdads, the foster fathers, the grandfathers, the uncles, and the spiritual mentors. We thank You for the men who taught us through quiet presence, who protected our peace, and who knew how to feed our physical and emotional needs before leading us in our spiritual lives. We also lift up those for whom today holds a heavy silence, those grieving the loss of a father, those longing to be fathers, and those whose relationships are strained.

May your Holy Spirit be a steady, comforting presence in this space. Meet us all right where we are, nourish our spirits this morning, and prepare our hearts to hear Your word. 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

In our scripture today, we will hear Jesus doing the practical, physical work of building a fire and preparing a meal. He knew that for the ministry of the gospel to move forward, the immediate, practical needs of the disciples had to be met first. When we give our offerings, we are participating in that exact same 'prep work.' Our resources keep the lights on, keep the building warm, and create a safe space where we can worship God in peace. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY



How Great Thou Art
Soloist ~ Paul Stansel

Stuart Hine based on Swedish melody

***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**

Generous God, take these gifts and use them to meet the basic and complex needs of our church and community. Just as Jesus multiplied the fish for the disciples, multiply these offerings to create places of safety, nourishment, and grace. Bless the hands that offered these gifts and the lives these resources will touch. Amen

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1,4-9;15-19

SERMON

Nourishing the Soul: Practical Spiritual Wisdom

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Moment of Silence

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

Faith of Our Fathers

Pilgrim (Red) #365

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

Lord, Above all other Treasures

J.S. Bach arr. Roberta Bitgood

Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

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

If you would like to receive weekly emails about our upcoming Sunday Worship and reminders of events and happenings for the week ahead, please email the church office at office@cantoncenterchurch.org or call 860-693-4581.