



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

June 28, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



*Sometimes we think that we don't hear God's voice.
Not because He isn't speaking but because we have the volume
of the world turned up too high.*

~Mother Teresa

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand if able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

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

Lead Kindly Light

Steven C. Warner

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a culture that celebrates speed, in a world that rushes, God calls us to be still, to slow down, to be mindful of today, mindful of this moment.

We come seeking rest for our souls.

In the stillness, God speaks.

In the stillness, we listen.

Come then, all who feel hurried, scattered, or stretched thin.

We come to receive the grace that grows slowly and well.

Let us worship God together, unhurried, calm, and fully present.

We come to breathe deeply and rest in His love.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Chalice (Blue) #100

*GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, You meet us not in the whirlwind of our schedules but in the quiet places we often overlook. Slow our steps and quiet our minds. Draw us into Your stillness today. Let Your Spirit settle our hearts, steady our thoughts, and root us again in Your love. Teach us to live unhurried lives shaped by Your peace. 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

God has given us everything we need: breath, strength, hope, and grace. Our offering is simply our way of saying “thank You.” Not hurried, not pressured, but offered from a peaceful and grateful heart. Let us give as people who trust the One who provides. We will now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY



Kyrie

John Leavett

***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**

God of every good gift, receive and bless what we offer today. Multiply these gifts to plant seeds of peace, hope, and renewal. Teach us to give as freely as You give to us. As You bless these gifts, bless us also, that we may live unhurried lives rooted in Your presence. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46:10

Isaiah 40:31

Matthew 11:28

SERMON

Be Still: A Better Way to Live

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Moment of Silence

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

Take Time to Be Holy

Chalice (Blue) #572

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

Make a Joyful Noise

Patti Drennan

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.