THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT

July 26, 2026 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
~Isaiah 26:3

God can't give us peace and happiness apart from Himself because there is no such thing.
~C.S. Lewis

No God, no peace; know God, know peace.
~Croft M. Pentz (pastor)

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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 *Siciliana* JS Bach from Suite#2
Cindy Wedd ~ Flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

The peace of God is not fragile or temporary. It is strong, steady, and sure.

Let us receive the peace that guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

When fear rises and worries multiply, God's peace stands watch over us.

His peace protects our thoughts and calms our spirits.

Jesus said, *My peace I give to you*, a peace the world cannot give and cannot take away.

We rest in the peace that comes from His presence.

In every storm, His peace remains. In every trial, His peace sustains.

We trust the One who speaks, "*Peace, be still*" to every troubled place in our lives. Come, let us worship the God who walks with us in peace.

***HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* Pilgrim (Red) #38

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

Lord God, You are our strength, our shield, and our song! What a joy it is to gather in Your house today! We come before You this morning with heads held high, because we know who holds our future. Fill this room with the refreshing wind of Your Holy Spirit. Let our worship be loud, our hearts be light, and our spirits be completely alive in You today! In Jesus' immense and joyful name, 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.

MISSON MOMENT ~ Betty Goldfarb

ASHLYNN SHARES…

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu Gabriel Faure
Cindy Webb ~ Flute

***Doxology**

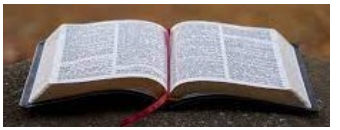
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we ask that You bless and multiply these offerings. Use them to bring comfort to the hurting, hope to the hopeless, and the peace of Jesus to our community and the world. As we surrender these resources to You, we also surrender our worries and our futures. Hold us together and let our lives be a testimony to Your absolute faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HEAVENBOUND SINGING

SCRIPTURE



Colossians 3:15
Philippians 4:6–7
John 14:27

SERMON *Peace That Holds Us*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Chalice (Blue) #677

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen**

***POSTLUDE** *(Please remain seated)*

Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach Arr. Julia Morgan
Cindy Webb ~ Flute

Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins