



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

October 18, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

In Person & Live Streamed



*Jesus said unto them, give therefore to Caesar the things that
are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. ~Matthew 22:21*



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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

Pie Jesu

John Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

The world and all who live in it belong to Him.

Look at your hands and consider your life.

We are created in the image of God.

Formed with divine likeness, we bring our whole selves to this place.

Let us give to God our praise, our hearts, and our devotion! Let us worship the One who holds us in grace and calls us by name.

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God Almighty

Chalice (Blue) #4

*GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator God, You have stamped Your love onto our very hearts and breathed Your life into our lungs. As we gather today, quiet the noise of the world around us: the pressures of our daily lives, our obligations, and our anxieties. Remind us of who we are and whose we are. Teach us how to live responsibly in the world while keeping our hearts anchored firmly in Your grace. Open our eyes to see Your image in one another and open our hearts to offer You our complete devotion today. In Jesus' 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.*

***HYMN**

I Look to Thee in Every Need

Pilgrim (Red) #92 vs 1 & 4

Children are excused for Church School as the Congregation sings

OFFERING

Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Jesus reminds us that while coins carry the face of emperors, our entire lives carry the image of God. Our offering is not simply paying a bill or fulfilling a duty, it is an act of recognizing that everything we are and everything we possess originated with God. May God bless our gifts bringing hope to the lost, care to the vulnerable, and light to dark places. Today, as we give, we declare that our lives, our wealth, and our future rest securely in God's hands.



OFFERTORY



Bring to the Lord A Song
Senior Choir

Eugene Butler

***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**

Lord God, receive these gifts as an act of worship. We give not out of obligation, but out of joy for all You have provided. We return a portion of what You have entrusted to us. Use these resources that they may feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and to advance Your kingdom across the globe. Strengthen us to be faithful stewards of Your grace in every area of our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE



Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

When the Dollar Meets the Gospel: Render & Surrender

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Pilgrim (Red) #61

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen

Grant Us Thy Peace

Floyd Werle

Senior Choir

{ Please remain quietly in your pew until the Benediction Response concludes }

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Duty Deacons: Beth Lingenheld & Paul Stansel

Duty Trustees: Colin Lussier & Phil LeGeyt

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Jody Swan

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Greeters: Bob Howson & Larry Smith

Coffee Hour: Karen Needham