



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT
October 4, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
In Person & Live Streamed**



*Grace is not a quiet stream that gently flows through our lives;
it is an ocean whose tides touch every shore of our existence ~C.S. Lewis*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

Our youth start the service in Church School and return for Holy Communion.

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

O Lord Most Holy (Panis Angelicus)

Cesar Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

We rejoice in God's abundant creation.

As we join around Christ's table this morning, we remember Christ's love and sacrifice for us.

We celebrate God's grace that unites us.

God calls us from many places and circumstances into one community of faith.

We come to praise, to pray, and to be renewed.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Pilgrim (Red) #35

*GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, as we gather in Your presence, and we thank You for the gift of life. We are so grateful for the beauty of creation, and for the many blessings You pour into our lives. We pray Your Holy Spirit will surround us during this time of worship. Gather us into Your peace, remove any distractions that cloud our minds so we may recognize Your presence and open our hearts to Your Word. May our worship bring glory to You and guide us to be faithful servants in the world. Through Christ our Lord. 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 blessed us with resources, abilities, and opportunities beyond measure. As an expression of our gratitude, let us return a portion of what we have received from God and use these gifts to bless others. We ask that our offerings be signs of our commitment to God and for the work of Christ's church in the world. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY



God, Grant Me to be Silent
Senior Choir

Mark Hill

***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, receive these gifts and our grateful hearts. We dedicate these offerings to Your service. We ask that You multiply their impact, and strengthen the ministries they support. Bless what has been offered that these gifts find homes to promote hope, compassion, and love. Through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-18

SERMON

The Table of CONSTANT GRACE

Meditative Music from the Choir Loft

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer over the Elements

Serving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You Lord for filling us with Your presence, a flame of love that warms our hearts and renews our spirits. May this holy meal flow through us into the world. Make us beacons of light radiating Your compassion and grace lifting praise to Your Holy Name. This we pray nourished by Your love. Amen

*HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Pilgrim (Red) #61

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Senior Choir

*POSTLUDE

The Lost Chord

Sir Arthur Sullivan

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

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Coffee Hour: Casey Levine