



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

April 18, 2021

~ Care-of-Creation Sunday ~

10:00 a.m.



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand, if you are able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Nature from Her Sleep Awakes (Spring Carol)* Stewart Landon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, friends, let us give praise to God, whose world this is!

**We praise God's beautiful works of art – sun and moon,
water and land, trees, grasses, flowers.**

Fish, animals, birds, and all our human brothers and sisters –

let all things praise their Maker!

Come, friends, let us learn to see God in everything,

and to live in harmony with all of creation.

***HYMN** *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God* **64, Chalice Hymnal (blue)**

*We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and build the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day,
The moon shines full at your command and all the stars obey.*

*We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food;
You formed the creatures with your word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh, how our wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes;
If we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.*

***GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

... This we ask in Jesus' name and spirit, as we also pray together:

**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.**

*** SUNG RESPONSE**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 8: 1,3-9; Job 12:7-10

SERMON “Cathedral on Fire”

RESPONSIVE READING *Caring for the Earth* Chalice Hymnal (blue), #694

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Dale Wood

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN** *For Beauty of Meadows* 696, Chalice Hymnal (blue)

*For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
For flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
For all you created and gave us to share,
We praise you, Creator, extolling your care.*

*As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
As creatures who hear your most urgent command,
We turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
Confessing our failures, confessing our strife.*

*Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace,
All nature around us is ours but on lease;
Your name we would hallow in all that we do,
Fulfilling our calling, creating with you.*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Psalm XIX (“The Heavens are Telling”) Benedetto Marcello

We warmly welcome Kari Miller this morning as our guest organist. She is currently the organist at Simsbury United Methodist Church. Other area churches she has served include South Church in New Britain, Central Baptist Church in Hartford, and North Congregational Church in New Hartford. She resides in Winsted, where she tends a large perennial garden and enjoys her three Siamese cats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers this morning are given by Susan Lampros Merriam
in memory of Carolyn Merriam, Bryant Merriam and Mickey Halczyn.*

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING of the First Congregational Church,
Canton Center, Connecticut, on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**
OR on subsequent Sundays at 11:00 a.m. until a quorum is obtained.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and opening prayer.
2. Reading of the call to the meeting.
3. Presentation of the proposed changes to the Church's by-laws
included in Amendment 13
4. Any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Sealand, Clerk

NEXT SUN., APRIL 25 – FOURTH SUN. FOOD COLLECTION -Our Fourth Sunday Food Collection for the Canton Food Bank will be next Sunday. *A special treat will be that some of our church school children will be on hand to receive the food donations outside, after the service & (brief) congregational meeting.*

MISSIONS UPDATE: WELLMORE -The Missions Committee delivered \$875 in Stop & Shop, Walmart, and Shop Rite gift cards and toiletries to Savannah, our Wellmore contact. Your Mission Committee and Savannah sends a Big Thank You to the Canton Center Congregation for all the generosity you demonstrate every time we ask for your support! With the resumption of in person church services, we have decided to restart our monthly collections. **For the month of May we will be accepting toiletries and food for Wellmore in the Mission box outside the kitchen.**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe
Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Pradhan
Duty Deacons: Darryl Haberern & Steve Byko

Ministers: Every Member
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia
Camera: Steve Byko