



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

April 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

**Please stand, if you are able.*

***Bold** denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God So Loved the World*

arr. Benjamin Harlan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim LeGeyt

Now we gather to welcome the day,
**seeking the presence of God, the mind of Christ,
the breath of the Spirit.**

Now we gather to welcome each other,
**seeking the strength of faith, the power of hope,
the gift of wisdom.**

Now we remember that every day is a holy day.
May we live this one with love, compassion and grace.

***HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* Chalice (blue), 53

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.*

***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 *Bless, God, O My Soul*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!

Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:16-24, James 2:14-18

SERMON *Praying With Our Feet*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Fill Us with Your Love* (Jesu, Jesu) Ghana folk song arr. Tom Colvin

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN *Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed* Pilgrim (red), 416
Vss. 1, 2 and 4

*Christian, rise and act thy creed; let thy prayer be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true, raise thy work and life anew.*

*Hearts around thee sink with care, thou canst help their load to bear;
Thou canst bring inspiring light, arm their faltering wills to fight.*

*Come then, law divine and reign; freest faith assailed in vain;
Perfect love, bereft of fear, born in heaven and radiant here.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Trad. Welsh melody

Members of the church are asked to remain in the sanctuary for the brief congregational meeting to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY – FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION - Following our service & meeting today, church school children will be outside to collect Fourth Sunday food offerings for the Canton Food Bank.

5 YEARS OF SCRIP! - Our Scrip program kicked off in April 2016 and since then we have raised nearly \$8000 for church expenses! Even with no coffee hour shopping, we're still up & running and you can still place gift card orders on a weekly basis. Casey can be reached via phone (860-693-0134), email (c.levine@comcast.net) or in church most Sundays. You can also download the RaiseRight mobile app that allows you to see all 750+ retailers available and place an order right from your phone. For more information about the program or to get our church's enrollment code for the app, just reach out. You can also visit www.shopwithscrip.com. Remember, every gift card you purchase raises money for our church!

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: Tim LeGeyt & Steve Byko

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