



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

May 2, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Sir Hubert Parry arr. Sue Wallace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vicki Rees

Come, people of God, and awaken to a new day –

for faith, hope and love await in this day.

Come, friends of Christ and remember his call to us –

to be a community of love, compassion, care.

Come, all hearts that seek the Spirit –

and join with the hearts of all.

All that is good, true, right, noble, beautiful –

today, together, we stay mindful of these things.

***HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Chalice (blue), 2
Vss. 1, 2 and 4

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise,
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flower meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus, stars of morning, take your part;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

***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 first staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the first line of the response: "Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!". The second staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the second line: "Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!". The lyrics are written below the notes.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE *Philippians 4:4-9*

SERMON *Ordinary Goodness*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

While we are not yet passing offering plates in our customary way, there are offering boxes on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

ANTHEM *Speak, O Lord*
Senior Choir Members

Getty/Townend arr. May McDonald

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate. At this time, when we are not yet observing Communion in our customary way, you are invited to use the prepackaged crackers and bottled water, available at the back of the church, as Communion elements.

Invitation

Prayer of Preparation

Words of Institution & Partaking of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give thanks to you, O God, for the gifts of your table,
reminders of all that nourishes us in body and soul.**

**As we go out into the world to live the gospel,
we pray that today and tomorrow,
we might learn to see the world through Christ's eyes
and love the world with Christ's heart. Amen.**

***HYMN** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Chalice (blue), 419

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring; here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around is us our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming; here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing; here, in peace, we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Rejoice in the Lord Always* (Philippians 4:4,6,7) Henry Purcell arr. Davison/Foote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers this morning are given by the Kerr family
in memory of Roscoe and Louise Bristol, and Marion Bristol Kerr.*

ORDER SOME SCRIP TODAY! - Scrip gift cards are great to use for all your Spring planting and lawn care shopping. And don't forget May gift giving events like Mother's Day, college graduations, showers and weddings. Whether virtual or in person, you still need to send a gift! Every gift card you buy gives money back to the church! Casey can be reached via phone (860-693-0134), email (c.levine@comcast.net), or in church most Sundays.

MAY MISSIONS COLLECTION - A big Thank You to the Canton Center Congregation for all the generosity you demonstrate every time we ask for your support! **For the month of May we will be accepting toiletries and food for Wellmore in the Mission box outside the kitchen.**

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