

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT
and
THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**July 4, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.
~ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~**



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

CHIMES

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. **Prayer request cards** may be found on the tables at the back of the church. **Offerings** may be placed in the marked boxes on the tables at the back of the church.*

PRELUDE *Abbot's Leigh*

Cyril Taylor arr. Lee J. Afdahl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come, people of God, from all our different places.

We come together in one place, remembering we are one body.

From whatever our journeys, our paths, our experiences,

Christ calls us into one beloved community.

Let the bonds of that community be strong in us today –

the bonds of peace, of love, of courage, of compassion.

Let us nurture them in ourselves, our nation and our world,

so that in us are seen the ways of Christ, toward all.

***HYMN** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* Chalice (blue), 725

*God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land, with thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever thine.*

*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 *Alleluia*

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READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "For All"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *One Bread, One Body* from 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John Foley

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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, Eternal One, for the gifts of your table, reminders of all the goodness of your creation. Now send us out to live and serve in your world, as good stewards of freedom, courageous disciples of Christ, and loving people of God. Amen.

***HYMN** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Chalice (blue), 677

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen*

***POSTLUDE** *Liberty Bell*

John Philip arr. Joseph Linger

*The flowers this morning are given by the Adajian Family
in loving memory of Joan, Merrilyn and Michael Adajian.*

NEXT SUN., JULY 11 - Our guest pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Terry Schmitt. Soloist will be Bill Thomas.

SUN., JULY 25 – Our congregation says thank you & good-bye to Sarah Pradhan, Dir. of Faith Formation with Children & Youth. Reception following the service.

STAFF VACATION -- Rev. Brenda will be on vacation from July 5 -18. For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact the church office.

MISSIONS - This month we are **collecting backpacks and school supplies** for Wellmore. Please put backpacks/school supplies in the Mission Box next to the kitchen door. Thank you for your support!!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SCRIP? - Scrip is a fundraising program Canton Center Church has been running for over 5 years. If you ever give or use gift cards, Scrip is great to get involved with. You can purchase a gift card for any number of 700+ retailers, restaurants and online stores and our church gets some money back from every gift card sold. The beauty is that you pay for and receive face value of the card, so there is no additional spend for you. Stop by the Scrip table in the parish hall during coffee hour to learn more or see what we have in stock for immediate purchase.

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