

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

July 11, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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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 3/4 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 Isaiah 55:10-13, Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON *"In the Garden"*

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* American Folk Tune arr. Hal Hopson
vocal soloist: Bill Thomas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Prayers of the Church

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace* Chalice (blue), 546

- 1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*
- 4. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen*

***POSTLUDE** *All Good Gifts* (We Plow the Fields and Scatter) from "Godspell" Stephen Schwartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to welcome back this morning the Rev. Dr. Terry Schmitt, an ordained member of the United Church of Christ. He was formerly the Executive Director of the CT Council for Interreligious Understanding, and served as the Senior Minister at Center Congregational Church in Manchester from 1999 to 2010. He has also served as Project Director at the Program for Non-Profit Organizations at Yale and as interim pastor for several CT churches. He and his family have lived in West Hartford since 1996.

*The flowers this morning are given by Marilyn Larose
in loving memory of her husband, Prosper and parents, Marion & Bob Ellison.*

NEXT SUN., JULY 18 - Ali Hager will be the preacher. Soloist will be Jim Todd.

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.

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.

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!!

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Pradhan

Duty Trustees: Phil LeGeyt & Julius Ziemba

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