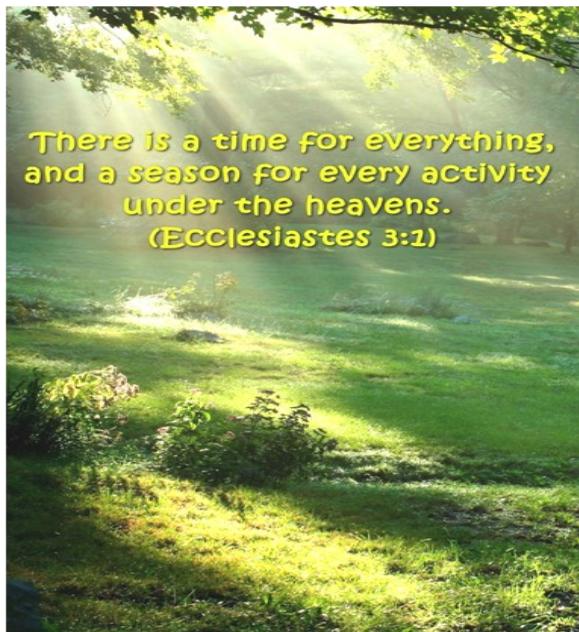


**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
CANTON CENTER, CT  
and  
THE CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**July 25, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



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## ~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

### CHIMES

Karen Needham

### 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 tables at the back of the church. **Offerings** may be placed in marked boxes on the tables at the back of the church.*

**PRELUDE**     *You Do Not Walk Alone*

Elaine Hagenberg

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Thanks be to God for the gift of a new day,

**and for all it will hold.**

Thanks be to God for the blessing of community,

**and for all we share.**

Thanks be to God for calling us together,

**in faith, hope and love,**

giving us strength for our present journeys

**and courage for new ones.**

Thanks be to God,

**in everything.**

**\*HYMN**     *This is the Day*     Chalice (blue), 286

***This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made;***

***we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,  
and be glad in it.***

***This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

***This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.***

### **\*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

...This we ask in Christ's 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*

1. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has lyrics and chord symbols G, C, D, C, G. The second staff has lyrics and chord symbols G, C, D, G.

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Sarah Pradhan

**BLESSING FOR A TIME OF CLOSURE**

*We celebrate the ministry of Sarah Pradhan*

**Words of Appreciation**

**Litany**

We give thanks now to God, in whose hands are all our times and seasons:

**for days and years of our ministry shared,  
for laughter and tears, for trust and care.**

for hope and joy, for courage and strength,

**for things remembered and things learned,  
for edges explored and centers held fast;**

for loving care for children, youth and families,

**for imagining and learning, for serving and playing.**

**In all this, we give thanks to God.**

**All: And now we bless each other's journeys from here.**

**We forgive ourselves and each other for mistakes.**

**We release each other from dependencies,  
promising to let new ministries take shape in freedom.**

**We move forward in the greatest of hope,**

**for new work, new learning, new joys --**

**for the new life the Spirit is surely giving us.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11a

**SERMON**

*A Time for Everything*

**ANTHEM**

*Hallelujah*

Leonard Cohen

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir with Piano

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer**

**\*HYMN**      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*      Pilgrim (red), 62

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unfailing 'round you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Amen*

**\*POSTLUDE**      *There Is a Time*      Ecclesiastes 3:1-8      Craig Courtney

*Please join us for a reception in Parish Hall after the service.*

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*The flowers this morning are given by the  
Christian Education community in honor of Sarah Pradhan.*

**SERVICES IN AUGUST**-will be held at the Canton Community Baptist Church (125 Dowd Ave., Canton), **at 10 a.m.** You may also watch online via Zoom. See [www.cantoncommunitybaptist.com](http://www.cantoncommunitybaptist.com) for access info. We will return to regular services at Canton Center Church on Sept. 5, at 10 a.m., with **Gathering Sunday on Sept. 12.**

**IT'S SCRIP BONUS TIME!** - The Scrip program is offering additional bonuses on 50+ retailers this week as part of their annual "Back to School" event. You still pay for and get face value on every card you purchase, but the church makes an extra bonus rebate on certain brands. Retailers include Barnes & Noble, Gap / Old Navy, Home Depot, Staples and many more. Stop by the Scrip table in the parish hall during coffee hour to see all the brands available and place an order that can be delivered next week.

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

**STAFF VACATION:** Rev. Brenda will be on vacation from Aug. 1-15 and Kristen on Aug. 2-6. For urgent pastoral care needs during that time, please contact the church office. Phone messages will be monitored.

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Director of Faith Formation:** Sarah Pradhan

**Trustees:** Sue Lampros & Phil Worley

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

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