

The First Congregational Church

July 5, 2020

Kent, CT

10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #501 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty - hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the living waters flow;
Let the river of salvation, follow all the desert through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be thou still my strength and
shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

OPENING PRAYER

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made
us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in
you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you,
and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI (#734)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE Romans 7:15-25a

SERMON

HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*
Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now you garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Giver, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We may serve with faith anew.

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

Leader: It is indeed good, right and salutary always and everywhere to
give you thanks and praise Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ your
Son. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God,
one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we
celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit. And so we join with angels and archangels and
with all the company of heaven who proclaim your glory with their
unending hymn . . .

O Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN #727 *America, the Beautiful*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above thy fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ministers: Community of Faith
Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt
Organist: John Paul Zurlo
Soloist: Veralyn Davee
Video Team: Jennifer Moros and Bethany Keck

WE WELCOME ALL who are worshipping with us via the internet.

OFFERING

Please mail your offering in weekly/monthly
First Congregational Church
PO Box 306
Kent, CT 06757

Prayer List:

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, prayers for PPE, treatments, vaccines, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Food service people, truck drivers, all those out of work, Barbie, Kris, Judy, Jana, Jim and Betsy, Sawyer, Ed's family, Erin's family, Don, Virginia, Dan, The Johnson Family, The Scholl family, Bill

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