

The First Congregational Church
February 14, 2021

Kent, Connecticut
10:00 AM

*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.*

A Community of Faith, Service and Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #136, *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty*
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Through the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, may the light of your truth shine from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transform us through your Son and illumine the world with the brightness of his image, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (#734)

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus

SERMON

HYMN #245 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*
We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and Holy place, where we wait with hope and longing, for some Token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance That our faith is not vain, searching like those First disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the Flesh joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the Heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder How the Law and Prophets meet: Christ with garments Drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our Faith decline, we, like Peter, find it tempting to Remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage To proclaim what profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

PRAYER CONCERNS, 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.

OFFERING

Invitation

Doxology (#34)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #61

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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. A-men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: John Paul Zurlo

Soloist: Veralyn Davee

Video Team: Bethany Keck and Bill Dahl

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

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, Robert, John, George, Lee, Leslie, Eric and Family.

Please mail your offering in weekly/monthly

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