

The First Congregational Church

April 25, 2021

Kent, Connecticut

10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #310,

Thine is the Glory

This is the glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.
Angles in bright raiment rolled the stone away.
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of your sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be made whole. Make us one with you, for you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. 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:

John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

SERMON

HYMN #80 (Pilgrim Hymnal)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The king of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feetheth.

Perverse and foolish oft I stayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.

In deaths dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me:
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight, they unction grace bestoweth,

And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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 #80

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother in his hands,
He's got you and me, sister in his hands,

He's got all of us together in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: John Paul Zurlo

Soloist: Veralyn Davee

Video Team: Bethany Keck and Alicia Winter

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, Eric, Norm, Barbie, Liz, .

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