

The First Congregational Church

October 10, 2021

Kent, Connecticut

10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: It is good to give praise to the Lord, to sing praise to the Most High.

People: To declare God's faithfulness in the morning, and God's steadfast love in the evening.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN #40

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we might perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name. 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

Matthew 14:22-36

SERMON

HYMN #321

At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came.
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him, there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your sovereign in temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you in its mighty power.
Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again
With the Father's glory, when he comes to reign.
For all earthly powers soon to him must bow,
So let us confess him King of glory now.

PRAYER REQUESTS 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.

HYMN #72 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #716

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you

God Be With You

With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: Brian Bergen

Organist: John Paul Zurlo

Soloist: Veralyn Davee

Video Team: Bethany Keck and Bill Dahl

Deacon of the Month: Bethany Keck

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

Flowers are given in honor of Josh Lampe's Birthday by Jody Lampe.

Prayer List:

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Peggy, Eric, Scott, Darrell, Barbie, Liz, Janeice.

OFFERING

Please mail your offering in weekly/monthly

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