The First Congregational Church  Kent, Connecticut
November 7, 2021  10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

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

Openening Prayer
Almighty God, give us the grace to follow your saints in all godly living, so that we may come to those joys that you have prepared for those who love 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.

Children’s Time

Scripture
Hebrews 11:1-2, 7-12, 20-24, 32-35, 12:1

Sermon

Hymn #529  vs. 4-6
For All the Saints
For the Apostles’ glorious company,
Who bearing forth the Cross o’er land and sea,
Shook all the mighty world, we sing to Thee:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

For the Evangelists, by whose blest word,
Like fourfold streams, the garden of the Lord,
Is fair and fruitful, be Thy Name adored.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Sursum Corda
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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore, we praise your name with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who proclaim your glory With their unending hymn . . .

The Sanctus
All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion
All: We give you thanks, O Lord, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. Send us into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to love others as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN #529 vs. 7-9
And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.

HYMN #14 Now Thank We All Our God

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #1 For All the Saints

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #716  

God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
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POSTLUDE

Ministers: Community of Faith  
Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt  
Organist: John Paul Zurlo  
Video Team: Bethany Keck  
Deacon of the Month: Jody Lampe

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

Prayer List:
Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Peggy, Eric, Scott, Darrell, Barbie, Liz, Bonnie, Shirley,

OFFERING
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It’s Stewardship Time Again!

This year, our Stewardship Theme is, *So Much to be Thankful for*. What are you thankful for in our church and its ministries? Worship? Teaching? Service? Youth? Music? Whatever you’re thankful for, it is the faithful stewardship of so many of you that makes our ministries possible, and we hope that you will pledge your financial support this year, on Stewardship Sunday, November 21, to keep our church and its ministries thriving!