

The First Congregational Church
January 16, 2021

Kent, Connecticut
10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: In Christ, we behold the light of God.

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

People: Commit your ways to the Lord and trust in his actions.

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

People: The Lord is our refuge in times of Trouble

*HYMN #29

God of the Sparrow (vs. 1-3)

God of the Sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say, Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, so that we may believe with our minds, and trust in

our hearts, that you alone are the Lord of all Creation, as we pray this in Jesus' 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE:

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

*HYMN #123

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

O thou of God and man the Son,

Thee will I cherish thee will I Honor,

Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angles haven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

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 #29

God of the Sparrow (vs. 4-6)

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: John Paul Zurlo

Video Team: Bethany Keck

Deacon of the month: Carol Kallstrom

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

Prayer List:

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Peggy, Eric, Scott, Darrell, Barbie, Liz, Bonnie Jo, Nancy, Roland, Hua, Pastor John's Father

OFFERING

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