

**The First Congregational Church**

May 22, 2022

**Kent, Connecticut**

10:00 AM

*A Community of Faith, Service and Love*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne!

**People: Jesus Christ, our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!**

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!

**People: Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!**

Leader: Rejoice O Holy Church, Exult in Glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

**People: Let this place resound with joy, echoing the song of all God's people!**

\*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!

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through 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:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

SERMON

\*HYMN #422

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Though many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun

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.***

\*HYMN #300

*In the Garden*

I come to the garden, alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that he have to me with in my heart is ringing.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own

And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE:

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Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. Victoria Kowarick

Organist: John Paul Zurlo

Videographer: Bethany Keck

Deacon of the Month- Bethany Keck

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

#### Prayer List:

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Peggy, Scott, Barbie, Liz, Lewis, Ukraine, Our world leaders, Bonnie Jo, Norman

Please mail your offering in weekly/monthly

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Reminder that the church is open for prayer thrice a week. If you would like to help run one of these sessions, please contact Bill Dahl or Barbara in the office.

Pastor John's Installation Service will be held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and there will be a reception afterwards. We're looking for people to bring food for the reception. If you would like to bring something, please either talk to or email Cyndi DeLuca to let her know.