

**The First Congregational Church**

**Kent, Connecticut**

October 6, 2024

10:00 AM

*A Community of Faith, Service and Love*

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

*World Communion Sunday*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**People: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**People: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

**All: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.**

\*HYMN #87

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

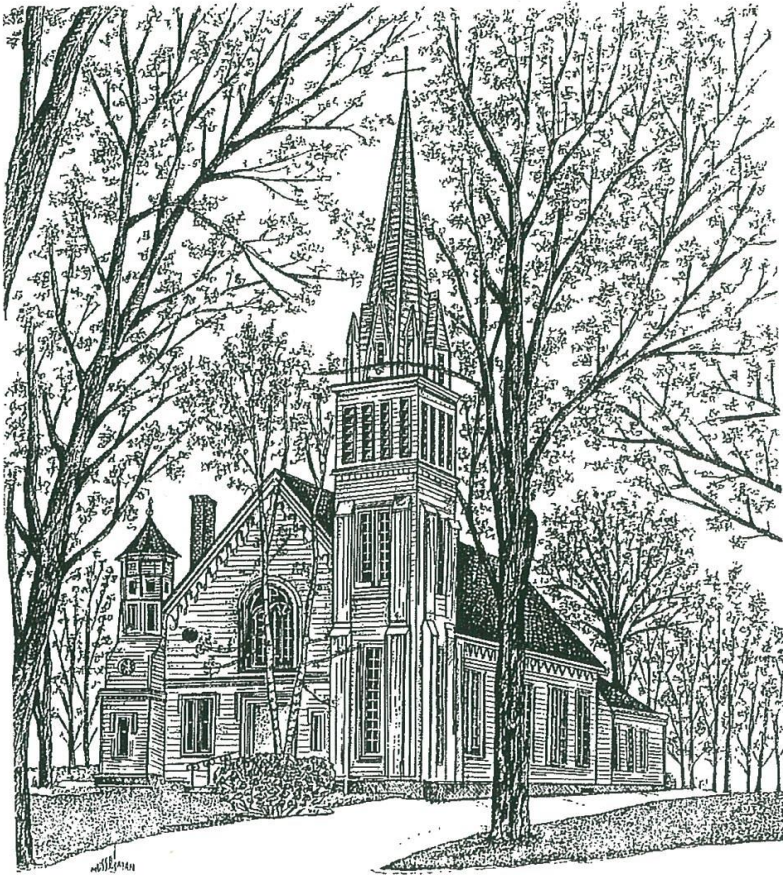
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children, so that we may**



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*"No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey, you are welcome here."*

enter your presence this day, and abide with you forever; 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.*

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 10:2-16

SERMON

\*HYMN # 358

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown,  
Jesus, though art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place.  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.

\*HYMN # 704

*We Meet as Friends at Table*

HOLY COMMUNION

704 We Meet as Friends at Table

*Unison*

1 We meet as friends at ta - ble, to lis - ten, and be heard, u -  
2 With food and drink for shar - ing the ta - ble soon is spread. The  
3 We share our lives and long - ings, and when the meal is done we  
4 Ful - filled, and glad to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ may lead, we

nit - ed by the Spir - it, at - ten - tive to the Word. Through  
free - dom meal of Je - sus is crowned with wine and bread, and  
pray as friends at ta - ble, and prom - ise to be one. To  
jour - ney from the ta - ble to love a world in need with

prayer and con - ver - sa - tion we tune our var - ied views to  
all, with - out ex - cep - tion, may eat, and speak, and stay, for  
Christ, and to each oth - er, we cheer - ful - ly be - long: a -  
pa - tience, truth and kind - ness, that jus - tice may in - crease and

Christ, whose love has made us the bear - ers of good news.  
this is Christ's own ta - ble where none are turned a - way.  
part, our hope is fruit - less; to - geth - er, we are strong.  
all may sit at ta - ble in free - dom, joy, and peace.

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MEAL OF LOVE  
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## 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 and The Sanctus

**Leader:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, as we gather around your holy table and celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

**All: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name .**

### HYMN#738

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory; Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord;  
Hosanna in the highest. 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# 440

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy fold prepare;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has bought us, thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has loved us, love us still;

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE:

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Ministers: Community of Faith  
Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt  
Organist: Erica Bernardini  
Deacon of the Month: Lori Zidack  
Video Team: Bethany Keck

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

**Prayer List:** Peggy, Scott, Barbie, Anne, Sue, Those affected Helena. Those whom we hold in our hearts.

Please mail your offering in weekly/monthly  
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Church office hours:

Tues/Wednesday/Friday 9am-1pm

Mon/Thursday 1:30-3pm

Pastor John's Office hours:

In office Tues/Wednesday 11am-1pm & At Wilson's 2-4pm

**Bridge Club-** The Park and Rec Bridge Club meets in the Parish Hall on Thursday at 1-4pm. All are welcome to join.

AA meets in the Parish Hall at 8pm on both Monday and Friday.

**Coffee Hour-** Please help the deacons and sign up to host a coffee hour. Nothing fancy is needed. Just start the coffee add some cheese and crackers or cookies and let the conversations start.

**Bible Study-**Monday nights at 7pm via zoom. If you wish to join please let Pastor John know and he will send you the link.