

The First Congregational Church
October 13, 2024

Kent, Connecticut
10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name, and tell us his salvation
from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works
among all the people.

**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be
praised above all other gods.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name, bring an offering,
and come into his courts!

**People: Worship the Lord in beauty and in truth; say among the
peoples, "The Lord reigns!"**

*HYMN #6

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high"

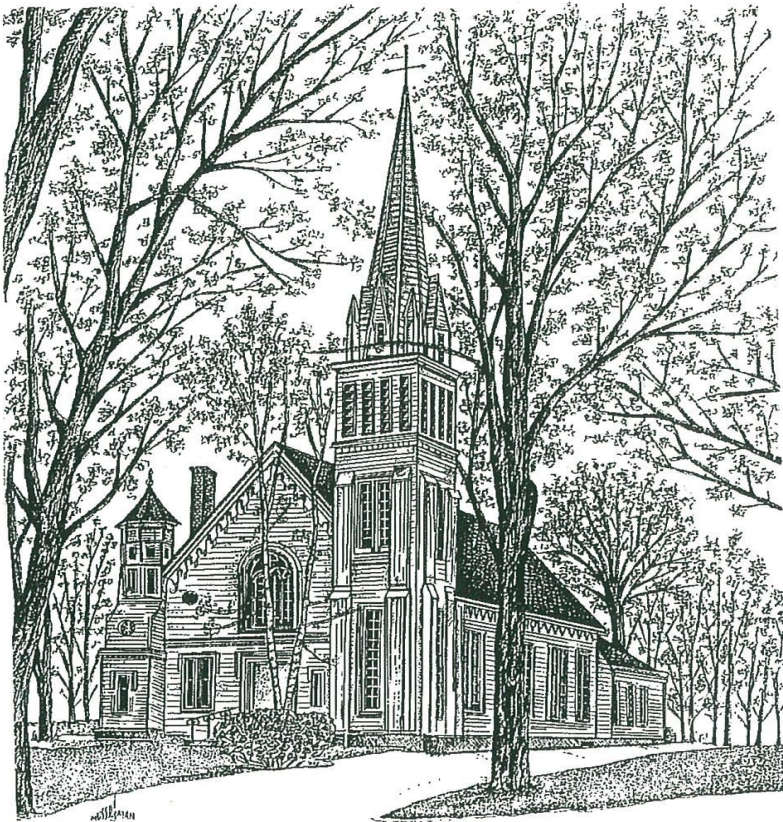
Heaven and earth awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King!"

Praise him, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;

Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Christians striving for the Lord, prophets burning with his Word,
Those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.
Those of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, rise the anthem loud and bold,
And let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One, glory be to God alone!"



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

*OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, O Lord, not to be anxious about worldly things, but rather, to love that which comes from above, so that we may hold fast to those things that endure, for 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: Psalm 91:1-11

SERMON

*HYMN #61 *There's a Wildness in God's Mercy*
There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Invitation

Anthem:

Guardian Angel

Doxology (#188)

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria
in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #84

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the storm blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all of us away;
We fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come
Be now our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE:

Ministers: Community of Faith

Guest Speaker: Jon. Lafleur

Organist: Erica Bernardini

Deacon of the Month: Lori Zidack
Video Team: Bethany Keck
Reader: Jody Lampe

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

Prayer List: Peggy, Scott, Barbie, Anne, Shauna, Ann, Virginia, Betty, Sue, Our Community, Our world leaders. Those whom we hold in our hearts.

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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.