



The First Congregational Church

Kent, Connecticut

August 17, 2025

10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship our God,

People: For there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Leader: One God and Father of all,

People: Who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Leader: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,

People: Bearing with one another in love.

*HYMN #40

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends of earth and friends above: for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;

For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, increase in us the gift of faith, so that, forsaking what lies behind, and reaching out to what is before, we may run

the way of your commandments, and when the crown of everlasting joy, for we pray in Christ's 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.*

SCRIPTURE: Amos 9:11-15

SERMON

*HYMN #539

O Day of Peace

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the 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.

OFFERING

Invitation
Anthem:

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 #496

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning, on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms:

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning, on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lords so near, leaning on the everlasting arms,

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning, on the everlasting arms

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: Erica Bernardini

Deacon of the Month: Bethany Keck

Video Team: Bethany Keck

WE WELCOME ALL who are worshipping with us via the internet and in person. Guests are invited to sign the guest book in the back of

the sanctuary and/or fill out a Pew Card and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer List: Peggy, Barbie, Betty, The Thornton, Joel, Our Community, Those affected by natural disasters, 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

Thursdays at Wilson's 2-4pm

Coffee Hour- What does coffee hour mean to you? For most it is about fellowship. Please sign up to host and support the fellowship of our church. Nothing fancy is needed. Just start the coffee add some cheese and crackers or cookies and let the conversations start.

Bible Study- on pause for the summer. If interested in joining let Pastor John know.

Book Club- *Brendan* by Frederick Buechner, An acclaimed author interweaves history and legend to re-create the life of a complex man of faith fifteen hundred years ago. Winner of the 1987 Christianity and Literature Book Award for Belles-Lettres.