

**The First Congregational Church**

August 24, 2025

**Kent, Connecticut**

10:00 AM

*A Community of Faith, Service and Love*

*Eleventh 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 #71

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;

Shelters you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

If with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him.

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your**

**faithful people, so that we may serve you in holiness and truth, 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.*

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

\*HYMN #428

*When Peace Like A River*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll,

Whatever my lot, thou taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control:

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin- O, the bliss of this glorious thought,

My sin- not in part but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:

“Even so” it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

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 #598

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious thing of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose Word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day.  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the world's best pleasures, all its bloated pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE:

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Ministers: Community of Faith

Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt

Organist: Bob Keck

Deacon of the Month: Bethany Keck

Video Team: Bethany Keck

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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, Millie, Frank, Our Community,  
Those affected by natural disasters, those whom we hold in our hearts.

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Church office hours:

Tues/Wednesday 9am-1pm

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-** *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* by Henri Nouwen. Initially written for a Jewish friend, Life of the Beloved has become Henri Nouwen's greatest legacy to Christians around the world. This sincere testimony of the power and invitation of Christ is indeed a great guide to a truly uplifting spiritual life in today's world. Discussion date is TBD

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

