

The First Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ)
Canton Center, Connecticut

July 20, 2008

9:30 A.M.

A COLLECT
to be used upon entering the Meeting House

O Jesus,
be the canoe that holds me in the sea of life;
be the steer that keeps me straight;
be the outrigger that supports me in times of great temptation.
Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day.
Keep my body strong,
so that I can paddle steadfastly on,
in the long voyage of life. *-a New Hebridean prayer*

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" -arr. Hustad
As the prelude begins, let us reflect upon these words from the prophet Isaiah: "For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." Let there at this time be a quietness among us as we prepare to worship God in spirit and in truth.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN **68** (*Pilgrim*) "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (**in unison**) followed by
THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors):
God of love and truth, free us from cold hearts and wandering minds as we come to worship you in spirit and in truth. Bless us as we worship you. Of your goodness, give us ... with your love, inspire us ... by your Spirit, guide us ... in your mercy, receive us, now and always. In Christ's name we pray, and also saying, Our Father...

(An ancient prayer, adapted)

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice #35*)

HYMN FAVORITES

Please have a number from one of the hymnals in mind.

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

OFFERTORY: "If My People Will Pray" -Owens
Lydia Petersen, chimes

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice #46*) and *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN (*Third hymn favorite - first and last verse*)
***The children may pass to class with teacher
Willi Bowman when the congregation begins singing.***

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION
followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and RESPONSE

*HYMN **86** (*Chalice*) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 195)

SERMON: "SMALL WORD, LARGE CONSEQUENCES"

*HYMN **452** (*Chalice*) "Here I Am, Lord"

*BENEDICTION and *RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Entry" (from "Solomon") -G.F. Handel

(*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Larry W. Smith	Pastor
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist, Director of Music
Sarah W. LeGeyst	Director of Christian Education and Youth
Barbara Lowell / Matt Solomon	Duty Deacons
Eric Herbek	Duty Trustee
Lydia Petersen and Phyllis Meeker	Greeters
Art Dewey and Dave Ayres	Ushers
The LeGeyst Family:	
Tim, Dan, Phil, Walter, Cora, Matt, Gary	Coffee Hour Hosts

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THE FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of Joan Adajian by Gary and her sons, Nathan and Jesse.

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship service, especially our friends from the Canton Community Baptist Church as we share in ecumenical worship together. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. Or, fill in a Friendship Card found in the pews.

NURSERY CARE is available during the worship service in the lower level of the Parish House for children 2 and under.

"SUMMER SUNDAYS" program continues through July at Canton Center Church. Children aged 3 through Grade 8 begin in church and leave for class when designated in the bulletin.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following worship today.

SUMMER ECUMENICAL WORSHIP with our friends from Canton Community Baptist Church continues here at Canton Center through July 27. Ecumenical worship for August is at Canton Community Baptist Church, 125 Dowd Avenue, conducted by the Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson. Offering envelopes go to their respective churches. Loose offering will benefit the Canton Food Bank. **Please note: July and August ecumenical worship services are at 9:30 A.M.**

HERE AT CANTON CENTER CHURCH:

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22, and Friday, July 25, while the church secretary is on vacation. Phone messages will be checked daily.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

THE MISSION COLLECTION FOR JULY is backpacks and school supplies for Gifts of Love, which will go not only to the children of their clients but also to neighborhood schools, including Canton. Lists of suggested items may be found on the Mission Box by the church kitchen.



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