

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

July 27, 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 Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Adagio" from "Sonata for Recorder and Continuo"
-Jean Baptiste
Mary Anne Rannenbergh, recorder

INTROIT: "Largo" from "Sonata in B flat" -Telemann

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 13 (*Pilgrim*) "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (**in unison**) followed by
THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors):
O God, we gather as a people who are aware that we are not of our own making nor are we self sufficient, but we are the work of your hands and children of your love that will not let us go. Help us to know your presence among us as we join together in song and prayer. Bless us by the power of your spirit with energy and confidence that we shall truly praise you with our voices, love you with all our hearts, and serve you by our commitment to justice and by our deeds of kindness. Strengthen us by your Word of truth, even Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, and also saying, Our Father....

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim # 513*)

HYMN FAVORITES

Please have a number from one of the hymnals in mind.
"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Soldiers of the cross.

Every round goes higher, higher,
Every round goes higher, higher,
Every round goes higher, higher, Soldiers of the cross.

Brother, do you love my Jesus?
Brother, do you love my Jesus?
Brother, do you love my Jesus? Soldiers of the cross.

If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.

OFFERTORY: "Siciliano"
from "Sonata No. 2 for Recorder and Keyboard" -J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim # 515*) 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 341 (*Pilgrim*) "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-9 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 5)

SERMON: "OUR SPECIAL IDENTITY"

*HYMN 63 (*Pilgrim*) "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

*BENEDICTION and *RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Allegro" from "Sonata No. 2" -J.S. Bach

(*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Larry W. Smith	Pastor
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist, Director of Music
Sarah W. LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education and Youth
Barbara Lowell / Matt Solomon	Duty Deacons
Dave Heyer	Duty Trustee
Earle and Peggy Young	Greeters
Randy and Diana Riley	Ushers
Gail and Stan Macbeth	Coffee Hour Hosts

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THE FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of Marion and Bob Ellison by their family.

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.

WE WELCOME Marianne Rannenberg, our guest recorder player, today. Marianne is a native of Canton. She studied recorder and early music at the Schola Cantorum in Basel, Switzerland in the 80's. In addition, after returning to the United States, she completed a master's degree in education. She currently resides in upstate New York where she teaches recorder and maintains a private tutoring practice.

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 here today. Children aged 3 through Grade 8 begin in church and may 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.

CANTON CENTER CHURCH WILL SHARE SUMMER ECUMENICAL WORSHIP for the Sundays in August at Canton Community Baptist Church, 125 Dowd Avenue, conducted by the Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson, beginning next Sunday, August 3. Offering envelopes go to their respective churches. Loose offering will benefit the Canton Food Bank. **Please note: August ecumenical worship services are at 9:30 A.M.**

CANTON CENTER CHURCH FAMILY: Please note that resources are available on the information table or from the church office on the subject of pastoral vacancy and the time of transition, including the interim pastorate.



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