

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

September 7, 2008

10:00 A.M.

A COLLECT

To be used upon entering the Meeting House

With your love seek us, God, and find us that we may find ourselves and our places in your kingdom. With your light awaken us, God, and give us a second vision to seek out neglected tasks and the strength to accomplish them. With your truth guide us, God, as we make our pilgrimage. And may we find it through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

-William Smith

CHIMES

Robert Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Adagio Cantabile"

-Mendelssohn

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 53 (*Chalice*)

"Morning Has Broken"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (**in unison**) followed by
THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors):

God of all wisdom and grace, high and lifted up yet ever near and hearing your people when they turn to you in prayer, hear us now as we meet before you in this sacred place. Make us to be like one in spirit as we sing with joy our songs of faith; and grant us the inspiration and the strength we need that going forth at the end of our worship, we may go as faithful disciples of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, and also saying, Our Father ...

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* # 35)

UNISON READING: # 361 (*Chalice*) UCC Statement of Faith

OFFERTORY: "Thine Is the Glory" -Handel/arr. Lani Smith
Organ and Piano Duet; Bob Oswald, piano

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* # 46)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN (**inside back cover** - *Chalice Hymnal*) "A Hymn of Praise"

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

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Pew Bibles, O.T. p. 586)

SERMON: "A TIME FOR THIS AND A TIME FOR THAT"

*COMMUNION HYMN 425 (*Chalice*) "Let Us Break Bread..."

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive the Bread and the Cup. The deacons will administer communion to the congregation as seated. We partake of the elements after all have been served, as one body in Christ.

*HYMN 15 (*Chalice*) "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Rondeau" -Mouret

(*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Larry W. Smith	Pastor
Sarah W. LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Lydia Petersen / Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Ron Olejniczak	Duty Trustee
Bill and Ellie Thomas	Greeters

THE FLOWERS today are given by Linea Erickson for Family and Friends – remembering the past and enjoying the present.

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship service. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. Or, fill in a Friendship Card found in the pews, along with pew envelopes for use with any donation.

NURSERY care is available in the lower level of the Parish House. Church School classes do not meet today.

A FREE-WILL OFFERING may be made today in the boxes at the church entrances to help with the cleanup and restoration of homes and lives in the wake of hurricanes Gustav and Fay. Please make your checks payable to this church with "OGHS/Hurricanes" in the memo section. Thank you.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee hour and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall after worship today. All are invited.

PLEASE CONSIDER signing up on the bulletin boards to be **Greeters, Ushers or Coffee Hour hosts** in the coming weeks.

LATER TODAY: A TIME FOR FAREWELLS, Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social, with Larry and Laurie Smith, 3 PM, at the church.

ANNUAL CHICKEN PIE SUPPER AND HARVEST FAIR will take place on Saturday, October 4. **SIGN-UP** sheets are on the kitchen door. Harvest Fair poster is on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Contact Bev Sealand at 667-2776 or Evelyn Sealand 693-4140. Supper: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Monday, 6:40 PM.

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Monday, 6:30 PM.

HONOR COURT is hosted Monday evening by our church.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

MISSIONARY & STEWARDSHIP COMM.: Next Sunday, 9 AM.

SYF: Next Sunday, 9 AM to set up for the all-church picnic.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! Registration is at 9:30 AM with children and their families reporting to their **classrooms** at that time to register and meet their teachers.

ALL-CHURCH RALLY DAY PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY! IT'S A ROUND-UP! after worship in back yard of the Parsonage. All are invited to come and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Please bring a side dish or salad if your last name begins A-R, dessert for S-Z. Cost: \$2 per person, \$10 max. per family (children < 3 free).

OUR MISSION COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER will be items to be given to Give2theTroops, an organization based in Rocky Hill which prepares care packages to be sent to our service personnel. A list of suggested items may be found by the Mission Box.

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