

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

September 14, 2008

10:00 A.M.

The Rev. Larry W. Smith
Pastor: April 28, 1996 – September 14, 2008

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

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE:

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

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)

God of our life, through all the circling years, we gather once again in this meetinghouse that is special to us and where we fell close to you as we sing our songs of faith and join our hearts together in prayer. We remember blessings that have been ours through our fellowship in your name and we count on your goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives, beginning here and now as we rededicate ourselves anew to living and loving in accord with your will and ways. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, Our Father...

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHURCH SCHOOL WELCOME

Sarah LeGeyt

INTRODUCTION OF TEACHERS AND
DISMISSAL OF CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BY GRADE
(Parents who wish to accompany their children to class are asked to re-enter the sanctuary during the collection of the offering or during the hymn that follows the Pastoral Prayer)

OFFERTORY: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" -Hubert Parry
Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* #515)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*HYMN (*see insert*) "Blessed Be God"

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 161)

SERMON: "UNTITLED"

*HYMN **8** (*Pilgrim*) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

BENEDICTION: (*Please be seated*)
HYMN **272 vs. 1 & 4** (*Pilgrim*) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

RESPONSE (*Please be seated*)

*POSTLUDE: "Agincourt Hymn" -Dunstable

(*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Larry W. Smith	Pastor
Sarah LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Lydia Petersen / Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Phil Worley	Duty Trustee
Peg and Larry Carlton	Greeters
Randy and Diana Riley	Ushers

THE FLOWERS today are given in memory of loved ones by Maggie Schofield.

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. Also found in with the Friendship Cards are Pew Envelopes. Please feel free to use them for any donation.

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 in the Parish Hall after worship.

PLEASE ENJOY THE FLOWERS from the memorial service for Ruth Case that may be found on the buffet counter in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to take some home.

EVERYONE IS INVITED! RALLY DAY ROUND-UP ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: after worship today, Parsonage yard. Come enjoy the food, fun, games and fellowship! \$2 per person, \$8 max. per family (children <3 free).

ANNUAL CHICKEN PIE SUPPER AND HARVEST FAIR will take place on Saturday, October 4. **SIGN-UP** for a job on the kitchen door. See the bulletin board regarding the **HARVEST FAIR** booths. There are many ways to help!

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Contact Bev Sealand at 667-2776 or Evelyn Sealand 693-4140.

OUR MISSION 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 men and women. Lists of suggested items are on the Mission Box by the kitchen.

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 P.M.

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND PARENTS meet with Sarah LeGeyt at 9:15 AM next Sunday, September 21, in the double classroom.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE will meet next Sunday, Sept. 21, at 9:00 AM. Please note this is a change of date.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP kicks off next Sunday, Sept. 21, at 11:30 AM in the double classroom for pizza lunch and meeting. Grades 6, 7, 8 are invited to come join the JYF.

JUNIOR CHOIR BEGINS next Sunday, Sept. 21, at 11:15 AM in the Music Room. Children Grade 3 – Grade 8 are invited to join.

CROP WALK: Sunday, Sept. 28, 1 PM, at the Canton Green.

WARNING OF A SPECIAL MEETING of the congregation to be held after worship on Sunday, September 28, 2008, to request authorization from the congregation for expenditures from Capital Campaign funds.

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