

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

September 28, 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

Karen Olejniczak

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Where'er You Walk" -Handel
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 64 (*Pilgrim*) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in **unison**) followed by
THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)
O gracious God, who has filled this place in times past with your renewing spirit, fill it now and again that we and all who come here may be strengthened to do your will ...to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say, Our Father...

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY: "Come Labor On" -Ferguson
Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* # 515)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 489 (*Pilgrim*) "I Would Be True"
The church school children will pass to their classrooms when the congregation begins singing.

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

*HYMN 267 (*Pilgrim*) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 17:1-7 (Pew Bibles, O.T. p. 62)
Philippians 2:1-13 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 182)

SERMON: "ARE WE THERE YET?"
The Rev. Da Vita McCallister

*HYMN 353 (*Pilgrim*) "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Praeludium II" -Mendelssohn

(*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Pastor
Sarah LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Lydia Petersen	Liturgist
Hugh Anderson	Duty Trustee
Lydia Petersen / Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Leon and Susan Turner	Greeters
Bill and Ashley Deming	Ushers
Members of the Missions Committee	Coffee Hour Hosts

THE FLOWERS today are given in memory of Vera J. Turner by Leon and Susan Turner.

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.

WE WELCOME as our guest preacher today the Rev. Da Vita D. McCallister, Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Connecticut Conference of the UCC. Da Vita, known as "Day," works supporting youth and young adult ministries, youth workers and ministers, and building multicultural and multiracial youth leadership.

PLEASE JOIN US after worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the Parish Hall. **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE**

NEEDED in coming weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

TODAY, SPECIAL MEETING of the congregation is in the church after coffee hour to authorize the use of Capital Campaign funds.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Today, 11:15 AM in the Music Room.

ANNUAL CHICKEN PIE SUPPER AND HARVEST FAIR is Saturday! **SIGN-UP** for a job on the kitchen door. See the bulletin board regarding the **HARVEST FAIR** booths. There are many ways to help! **QUILT TICKETS** are on sale today.

MAKE CHICKEN PIE SUPPER RESERVATIONS today at coffee hour. See Bev Sealand 667-2776 or Evelyn Sealand 693-4140.

HARVEST FAIR ITEMS may be dropped off at the church anytime after church school today and this coming week.

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

GRAVY MAKING for Chicken Pies: Thursday, 3:00 P.M., kitchen.

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

SYF: Thursday, 7:00 PM for Chicken Pie Supper tables set-up.

VEGGIE PREP, PRIME TIMERS and others: Friday, 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall for the Chicken Pie Supper.

SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (Grades 9-12): Sign up on the SYF bulletin board for the hike next Sunday, Oct. 5, to Leatherman's Cave on the Mattatuck Trail with Leaders Jim and Cathy Koplak. **ANYONE INTERESTED IS INVITED** to hear a talk on the history of the Leatherman given by Shirley Sutton. Join the SYF at 11:30 next Sunday in the Parish Hall.

PRIME TIMERS meet at the church at Noon on Wednesday, October 8, for lunch, before traveling to Roaring Brook Nature Center for a talk by Jay Kaplan. Bring a *complete* bag lunch.

OUR MISSION FOR OCTOBER is to collect coats and sweaters for South Park Inn. We are looking for coats and sweaters in adult and children's sizes. The mission collection box is located just outside the church kitchen.

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