

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

October 5, 2008

10:00 AM

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

-Hughes/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 24 (*Chalice*)

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in **unison**) followed by

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of your faithful people. Lead us to desire the guidance of your word. Remind us of your ordinances that are true and righteous altogether. May they shape our living and warn us when we are in error. We seek to honor your name, to divest ourselves of idols, to keep this day of rest and worship. Work with us to develop right relationships in our families and with all your children near and far, we in pray Jesus' name, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* #35)

RESPONSIVE READING (*Chalice*) p. 745, Psalm 84

OFFERING (including our gifts to Neighbors in Need)

Offertory Anthem: "Soon and Very Soon" -Crouch/Schrader
Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by THE PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN 323 (*Chalice*)

"Wonderful Words of Life"

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (Pew Bibles, O.T. p. 65)

SERMON:

"THE TEN SUGGESTIONS"

*COMMUNION HYMN 403 (*Chalice*)

"In Remembrance of Me"

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 439 (*Chalice*)

"God, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "March"

-Handel

(*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Linda Lareau	Duty Trustee
Geri Bunnell / Curt Johnson	Duty Deacons
Cary and Tim LeGeyt	Greeters
Bill Deming and Jonelle Lawhorn	Ushers
Wayne and Donna Goeben	Coffee Hour Hosts

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THE FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of our parents, John and Dolly Bunnell, and Franklin and Helen Andrews, by Ned and Geri Bunnell.

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.

TODAY, NEIGHBORS IN NEED special offering of the United Church of Christ, will be received during the morning offering. Checks may be made payable to The First Congregational Church with N-I-N in the memo section. Envelopes for this purpose are inserted in the bulletin this morning. Thank you.

PLEASE JOIN US in the Parish Hall after worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED in coming weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin board and help offer hospitality.

SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Hike today to Leatherman's Cave on the Mattatuck Trail with Leaders Jim and Cathy Koplar.

ANYONE INTERESTED IS INVITED TODAY to hear a talk on the history of the Leatherman given by Shirley Sutton. Join the SYF at 11:30 today in the Parish Hall.

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

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Monday, 6:40 PM.

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

DIACONATE: Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

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.

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: First meeting is Sunday, October 19. Meet at 11:30 AM, beginning with pizza 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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