

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

October 12, 2008

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Beautiful Savior" -arr. Dale Wood  
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 **100** (*Chalice*) "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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

**Gracious God, you have invited and welcomed us to this place of worship. You draw us away from the idols we create to take your place. When we come together, we sense that there is nothing in life that can substitute for a vital relationship with you. Yet we are only dimly aware of who you are. All the mysteries of the universe are in your hands, yet you have made yourself known among the people of this earth. We catch glimpses of your work among us and are amazed. We want to meet you again today, as for the first time. Touch us. Remake us. Help us to stand firm in the faith. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...***

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* #35)

RESPONSIVE READING: (*Chalice*) **p. 755**, Psalm 107

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" -arr. Dale Wood

\*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN **697** (*Chalice*) "Creative God, You Spread the Earth"  
***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

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:1-9 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 183)  
Exodus 32:1-14 (Pew Bibles, O.T. p. 77)

SERMON: "GOLDEN CALVES AND OTHER SACRED COWS"

\*HYMN **91** (*Chalice*) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "Fugue in C Major" -Buxtehude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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| The Rev. Susan M. Prichard         | Interim Minister                        |
| Sarah LeGeyst                      | Director of Christian Education & Youth |
| Mary Lou Keefe                     | Organist; Director of Music             |
| Constance MacMillan                | Substitute Organist                     |
| Dan Towle                          | Duty Trustee                            |
| Geri Bunnell and Curt Johnson      | Duty Deacons                            |
| Jane and Russ Schneider            | Greeters                                |
| Phil Worley and Phil Doyle         | Ushers                                  |
| Terry Getchell and Joan Colglazier | Coffee Hour Hosts                       |

**THE FLOWERS** today are given by Arlene Sears in memory of Al. **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.

**THANKS AND WELCOME** to Connie MacMillan who is serving as our substitute organist today.

**GIFTS MAY STILL BE MADE TODAY TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED** during the morning offering.

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

**"A SLICE OF BROADWAY"** tickets go on sale today at coffee hour. On Nov. 1, 7:00 PM, Senior Choir members offer renditions of Broadway favorites, with a dessert intermission. TKTS: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Proceeds benefit Susan B. Anthony Project.

**HOSTS ARE NEEDED** in coming weeks to offer refreshment and hospitality (and a hot drink in cool weather!) after worship. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen door.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** and **SENIOR CHOIR** will **NOT** meet this week.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Monday, 10:00 AM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Monday, 6:30 PM.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE:** Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

**BELL CHOIR:** Thursday, 7:00 PM.

**SYF:** Next Sunday, beginning at 11:30 AM with pizza lunch.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** First meeting is next Sunday, October 19. Begin with SYF at 11:30 AM for pizza lunch. Class to follow.

**BIBLE WORKSHOP** for our fourth graders and their parents: Next Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

**CONN. CONFERENCE OF UCC 141<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING** will be held Friday and Saturday, in Bridgeport. [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org)

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS:** Order balsam wreaths on Oct. 26, and Nov. 2, from the Confirmation Class during the coffee hours. The proceeds benefit the Susan B. Anthony project. Pick up Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BUTTERBRAIDS FUNDRAISER:** The SYF will be taking orders for those delicious "thaw & bake" pastries. Taste a sample next Sunday during coffee hour. Place orders for delivery Nov. 23.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are needed for Sunday, November 23, and Sunday, December 28. If you are interested in donating memorial flowers for either date, contact Polly Rice at 651-7813.

**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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