

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

October 26, 2008

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

-arr. Mansfield

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage.  
Listen for ways God has acted among us.

**Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's word.  
They dared to believe God's promises.**

Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God's work.  
They believed they were face-to-face with God's truth.

**They looked beyond the present moment.  
They lived for dreams not yet realized.**

Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus.  
They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

**We have come seeking community centered in Christ.  
We want to feel God's presence as we worship.**

\*HYMN 4 (*Chalice*)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors):

**God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the earth was formed, long before there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms. Out of the billions of years you have been creating, our lives have come to this moment of meeting. We stand in awe before you, amazed to discover that you care about us, tiny blips on the screen of eternity. O God, we want our lives to count for something. Show us how to fit into your plans. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, Our Father...**

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* #35)

PRESENTATION OF GIFT BIBLES to Fourth Graders:

Tori Arel	Owen Arnone	Joseph Bowman
Maggie Coleman	Liam Connolly	Jarod Emirzian
Henry Engvall	Leah Eschenbrenner	Maribeth Graham
Addison Hall	Savannah Herbek	Linwood Mather IV
Hannah Moore	Nicholas O'Toole	Daniel Olejniczak
Pamela Richter	Benjamin Robinson	Denise Ronan
D. Logan Tripp	Kyle Walker	Colin Welcome

\*HYMN 190 (*Chalice*)

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

**Church school children may pass to their classrooms  
when the congregation begins singing.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Page 746 (*Chalice*) Psalm 90

OFFERTORY: "Look at the World"

-Rutter

Senior Choir

\*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in **unison**)

**As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension, and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with you. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by THE PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

\*HYMN 65 (*Chalice*)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*In recognition of Reformation Sunday*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:34-46 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 23)

SERMON:

"ON ONE FOOT"

\*HYMN 234 (*Chalice*)

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

\*BENEDICTION and \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "Entry" (from "Solomon")

-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
Katha Kerr	Duty Trustee
Geri Bunnell and Curt Johnson	Duty Deacons
Roy and Barbara Edgerton	Greeters
Tim and Cary LeGeyt	Ushers
Vicki Rees and Ann Buckley	Coffee Hour Hosts

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**THE FLOWERS** today are given in memory of Jack and Myrtle Scott Murphy by their daughter, Jane Coburn.

**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.

**NURSERY CARE** is available in the lower level for infants through 2 years old.

**LARGE PRINT COPIES** of today's bulletin are available on the ushers' tables in the back of the church. Large print editions of the Chalice Hymnal are also available for use during worship.

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

Please see bulletin insert for announcements



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008**

**JYF BAKE SALE TODAY** at coffee hour to benefit the Children's Home in Cromwell.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS:** Order from the Confirmation Class during the coffee hour. Pick up Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**"A SLICE OF BROADWAY"** tickets are on sale today at coffee hour. Saturday, Nov. 1, 7:00 PM, Senior Choir members offer Broadway favorites with dessert. TKTS: \$10 adults, \$5 children.

**SYF: PURCHASE TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA TICKETS** at coffee hour for a concert on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. See Rachel Baugher.

**BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER:** The SYF will be taking orders today at the coffee hour. Place orders for delivery Nov. 23.

**"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"**, a volunteer workday sponsored by Focus on Canton, is Saturday, Nov. 1. Sign-up forms for volunteers or work requests are on the kitchen door.

**OUR MISSION FOR NOVEMBER** is the "Brown Bag" food drive. Pick up a bag next Sunday or Nov. 9. Return bags by Nov. 16.

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

**ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL:** Today, 2:00 PM.

**DONATE** leftover Halloween candy to the deacons for use in post-grad care packages. Please leave it in the church office.

## **COMING UP**

**SENIOR CHOIR:** Monday, 7:00 PM. Also Tuesday, 7:00 PM: **"BROADWAY" FULL DRESS REHEARSAL** with orchestra.

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS:** Fall back one hour next Sunday.

**TEACHERS' MEETING:** Next Sunday, 8:30 AM with communion.

**CHERUB CHOIR** begins next Sunday, Nov. 2, ages 4 – Gr. 2.

**U.N.I.C.E.F.** "Trick or Treat" boxes: Please return by Nov. 9.