

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

November 16, 2008

10:00 AM

RESPONSIVE READING **#102** Page 535 (*Pilgrim*) Psalm 119

CHIMES

Tyler Smith

OFFERTORY: "In My Father's House"
Senior Choir

-Courtney

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* #515)

PRELUDE: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

-arr. Wilson

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

CHORAL INTROIT

There is no escape from your judgment, O Spirit of Holiness, but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love. We offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.
Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

**God's love surrounds us here today.
God calls us to be children of light.**

We belong to the day when we have faith.
We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

**We seek to be faithful to the best we know.
We want to invest the talents God gives us.**

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.
Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

**We are here to build up one another.
May our worship encourage each of us today.**

*HYMN **366** (*Pilgrim*)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by THE PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN **391** (*Pilgrim*)

"Be Thou My Vision"

*HYMN **223** (*Pilgrim*)

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 26)

SERMON:

"WELL DONE!"

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

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

Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence. Awaken our spirits to realities unseen. Turn us from the dullness of our fear-filled grasping for security and help us to live with trust in you. Expand among us such mutual regard and encouragement as will build up community and lead all of us to live in the light. May faith and love dominate all our relationships as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*HYMN **416** (*Pilgrim*)

"Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"

-arr. Burkhardt

(*All who are able, please stand)

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Barbara Lowell and Matt Solomon	Duty Deacons
Katha Kerr	Duty Trustee
Mayo and Bev Schreiber	Greeters
Marlene and Charlie Whitney	Ushers
Gary Adajian and Walter LeGeyt	Coffee Hour Hosts

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THE FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of Harry Carlton and Attie and Ralph Carlton by Karen (Carlton) Olejniczak and family.

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 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, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

CHERUB CHOIR: Today, 11:15 AM, Music Room; **JUNIOR CHOIR:** Today, 11:30 AM, in the Music Room.

PAGEANT ENSEMBLE rehearses today, after worship, in church.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THANKSGIVING POT LUCK next Sunday after church in the Parish Hall. Poster is on the kitchen door.

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA TICKETS may be purchased at coffee hour for a concert on Nov. 30th. All of our church family are invited to buy tickets. See Rachel Baugher.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Today, at Noon, in the Parish Hall.

“FEATHER FOOD” donations by the church school students will be made next Sunday, November 23, during their processional into church. Children will line up in the Parish Hall at 9:45 AM.

DEADLINE IS TODAY for the December *Churchmouse*.

JYF FOOD DRIVE at Marandino’s is today 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

WORKSHOP LEADERS and TEACHERS are needed for winter and spring terms for church school. Please sign up at the C.E. table in the coffee hour.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS are needed for Sunday, April 19. Please call Polly Rice 673-7813 to donate flowers on that date.

COMING UP

ADVENT POTLUCK AND WORKSHOP: Sunday, December 7, after worship. Look for the sign-up on the kitchen door.

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 PM.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, 10:30 AM; “Wet Feet: Jordan River.”

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

BUTTERBRAID orders will be available for pick-up next Sunday.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Next Sunday, Nov. 23, 4:00 PM at the Collinsville Congregational Church.