

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

February 22, 2009

10:00 AM

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

CHIMES Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Arietta" -Van Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting.

Listen, for the mighty One speaks to us.

**Our God comes and does not keep silence.**

**Through fire and tempest, God is with us.**

God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

**We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit.**

**We look for a vision to claim our souls.**

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

**We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

**We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.**

\*HYMN 5 (*Chalice*) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

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

**Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen.**

**Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You**

**have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now.**

**You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now.**

**You have granted light in Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Let**

**us see your glory. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of**

**prayer. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts, and do not**

**leave us, we pray, through Christ, and also saying, Our**

**Father...**

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* #35)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

COMMISSIONING THE SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Brad Bowman	Geri Bunnell	Joan Colglazier
Phil Doyle	Katha Kerr	Dan LeGeyt
Beth Lingenheld	Jim Magennis	Craig McAllister
Cora Mutch	Polly Rice	Charlie Whitney

OFFERTORY: "Fairest Lord Jesus"  
Senior Choir

\*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

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

**Use our gifts, mighty God, to bring light where there is gloom, hope where there is despair, peace where there is turmoil. May Jesus Christ be proclaimed among us and around your world. May righteousness and justice prevail in spite of differences. May we inherit a double portion of the prophet's spirit to discern clearly the ways you would have us go. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.**

\*HYMN 183 (*Chalice*) "We Meet You, O Christ"  
***The Church School children may 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 182 (*Chalice*) "Transform Us"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 41)

SERMON: "A KODAK MOMENT"

\*HYMN 517 (*Chalice*) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*BENEDICTION and \*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)" -Bizet

(\*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah W. LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Barbara Lowell and Matt Solomon	Duty Deacons
Katha Kerr	Duty Trustee
Carol and Dave Heyer	Greeters
Phil LeGeyt	Usher
Evelyn Sealand and Bev Sealand	Coffee Hour Hosts

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**THE FLOWERS** today are given by John Forker in memory of Lew and Minerva Forker.

**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 of the Parish House 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 for refreshment and fellowship.

Please see bulletin insert for announcements



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

**TODAY, CHERUB CHOIR** begins weekly rehearsals for Easter at 11:15 AM in the Music Room, under the direction of Judy Robinson. Children age 4 through Grade 2 are invited to sing.

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

**ORDER EASTER CANDY TODAY** during coffee hour from members of the SYF. Proceeds benefit the Mexico mission trip.

**ALL-CHURCH RETREAT SIGN-UPS** continue at coffee hour today for the weekend of March 20-22. This year's theme is "Count Your Blessings." Come to beautiful Silver Lake in Sharon, CT and enjoy a relaxing fun time. The cost will be \$50 for adults, \$40 for children 2-10 (\$200 family max.)

**2008 ANNUAL REPORTS** are available on the information table in the Parish House vestibule.

**JYF GAME DAY & ICE CREAM SUNDAES** is set for Sunday, March 8, after church. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

**OUR MISSION COLLECTION** for March is toiletries for men and women to be donated to My Sister's Place and South Park Inn.

**COMING UP**

**SENIOR CHOIR:** Monday, 7:00 PM.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY (EVENING SESSION):** Tuesday, 7 PM.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** is Wednesday, beginning at 6:45 PM with dessert, followed by Ash Wednesday Worship and, and at 7:30 PM, the business meeting.

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

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Next Sunday, 11:45 AM (bag lunch).

**LENTEN WORKSHOP: "IT'S A MYSTERY!"** Sign up on the kitchen door for pizza supper and book discussion, Monday, March 2, 5:30 PM. (Snow date: March 23) More information on the posters.