

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

April 12, 2009 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

CHIMES Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "This Joyful Eastertide" -Burkhardt

INTROIT: 9:00 "Christ Is Risen" -Keefe

Cherub Choir

10:30 "Hallelujah: Now Be Joyful" -Sleeth

Junior Choir and Ladies of the Senior Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

This is a great and joyous festival day.

Come to celebrate amazing good news.

We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Sing songs of praise, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has answered our prayers with salvation.

Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.

Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.

You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

This is the day that our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN 216 (*Chalice*) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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

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

We greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and failure. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. We need your healing presence. We need your word of greeting that welcomes us into the community of faith in spite of our doubts and faithlessness. You are the Great Teacher. We have come to learn from you. We want to be your disciples. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* # 35)

ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" -Martin
Senior Choir

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP (10:30 service)

*HYMN 218 (*Chalice*) "Thine Is the Glory"

RESPONSIVE READING p. 758 (*Chalice*) Psalm 118

OFFERTORY: "Lift High the Cross" -Dobrinski
Cherry Brook Chimes

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* # 46)

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

We consecrate all we have brought to share, that the message of today may spread through the streets and across the lands, beginning within these walls and bursting out for all the world to hear and observe. May the glad songs motivate practical ministries. As forgiven and forgiving people, we take new life into the marketplace, into our jobs and schools, into our social life and leisure hours. May all we offer express true thankfulness. Amen.

ANTHEM: "The Messiah Has Come" -Choplin
Senior Choir

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION
followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN 226 (*Chalice*) "He Lives!"

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 107)

SERMON: "HE STILL MOVES STONES"

*HYMN 215 (*Chalice*) "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "An Easter Carol" -Young

*POSTLUDE: "St. Anne" -J.S. Bach

(*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
Judy Robinson	Director of the Cherub Choir
Betsy Ash	Director of the Junior Choir
Geri Bunnell and Curt Johnson	Duty Deacons
Ron Olejniczak	9:00 Duty Trustee
David, Deborah, Julia, Anna & Nathan Poleyestewa	9:00 Greeters
Charlie and Marlene Whitney	9:00 Ushers
Kristin Oswald	10:30 Duty Trustee
Steve, Kathy, Amelia & Claire Byko	10:30 Greeters
Matt and Sarah LeGeyt	10:30 Ushers

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship. 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 at the **9:00 AM service only** today.

"KID KITS" are available in the church vestibule for the use of younger children in the pews during worship.

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 see bulletin insert for announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

NO CHOIR REHEARSALS TODAY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DONORS OF THE EASTER LILIES that beautify our church today. Donors are kindly requested to leave their lilies until after the **second** (10:30) service.

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

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEYS & AN ENHANCED COFFEE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH. The Pastoral Search Committee needs your input! Your help will be used to complete our detailed Church Profile that Pastoral candidates are provided. Next week at Coffee Hour, we will be distributing Surveys to each adult and youth over Confirmation age to complete and return by May 5th. During Coffee Hour, we will also be leading small discussion groups for live, interactive input. Childcare is available. The Coffee Hour will also be enhanced by delectable treats.

If you cannot be here next Sunday, please pick up your Survey at the Church Office Wednesday 4/15 through Friday 4/17 if you can. Surveys not picked up by Sunday will be mailed the Monday or Tuesday following. Keep in mind that the more members who pick up their survey at Church, the more we save on postage. A second Enhanced Coffee Hour with discussion groups will be held May 10th. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact any Pastoral Search Committee Member.

COMING UP

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, 10:00 AM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Monday, 6:30 PM.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Monday, 6:40 PM.

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 PM.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Tuesday, 7 PM.; next Sunday, 8:00 AM.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

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BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Next Sunday, 9:00 AM.

TALENT SHOW/LUNCHEON TICKETS will be available during coffee hours next Sunday and April 26.

DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY for submitting items for the May issue of *The Churchmouse*.

TALENT SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL: Saturday, May 2, 9:00 – 10:30 AM.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be playing mini-golf on Sunday, April 26, after church. Please bring a bag lunch, signed permission slip, and \$10 to play. Parent volunteers are needed. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be hiking on Sunday, April 26, leaving at 1:30 PM, for Sessions Woods in Burlington. Please bring a signed permission slip. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.



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