

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

May 17, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Love of the Father" -Orlando Gibbons/arr. Paxton

CHORAL INTROIT: "Circle of Friends" -Emerson  
Junior Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Come all who are born of God;

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

**We come in response to the one who calls us friends.**

**We are here in obedience to Christ's command.**

Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

**Let our lips pour out a joyful noise.**

**Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.**

Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

**We clap our hands and sing for joy.**

**We live by faith that conquers the world.**

\*HYMN 1 (*Pilgrim*) "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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

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

**Come, Holy Spirit, to lift us from empty routines to the surprising joy of your love. Loosen our tongues to praise you with sincere delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through times of difficulty and days of despair. Calm our doubts and guide us through the mires of fear. You have called us together for mutual support in a time of worship that unites our spirits. We remember that we have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Teach us to follow where Christ leads. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, Our Father...**

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION

\*HYMN 494 (*Pilgrim*) "We Would Be Building"  
***The church school children may pass to their classrooms when the congregation begins singing.***

RECOGNITION OF LONG-TERM MEMBERS

OFFERTORY: "Every Valley" -John Ness Beek  
Senior Choir

\*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* # 515)

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

**Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN 228 (*Pilgrim*) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

SCRIPTURE: John 15:9-17 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 102)

SERMON: "CHOSEN"

\*HYMN 260 (*Pilgrim*) "The Church's One Foundation"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "God of Our Fathers" -Wilson/Warren

(\*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah W. LeGeyst	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist, Director of Music
Betsy Ash	Junior Choir Director
Cindy Griggs and Dan LeGeyst	Duty Deacons
Rick Hill	Duty Trustee
Rachel, Drew and Jillian Baugher	Greeters
Deacons	Coffee Hour Hosts

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**THE FLOWERS** today are given in memory of M. Shipley Mills by his 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 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** for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the Parish Hall following worship today.

**Please see bulletin insert for announcements**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, May 17, 2009

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Important meeting today at 10:30 AM in the Corner Room for those class members who did *not* attend the Confirmation Retreat. Also, regular class session for all today, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** is today, 11:15 AM, and also **CHERUB CHOIR** is today, 11:30 AM in the Music Room. Please note time swap.

**MISSION COLLECTION FOR MAY** is business attire for men and women to support “Suit a Brother, Dress a Sister” in good condition, but not necessarily dry-cleaned.

**TEACHERS** are needed for fall - opportunities at coffee hour.

**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY** for the input of any and all the women from our church. We want to meet the needs of our churchwomen and cultivate the spirit of Christ and spiritual growth through worship, stewardship, education, and service. We will hold an information gathering session downstairs in the Corner Room at 11:30 AM. We will discuss some ideas for the committee and its activities. Contact is Ana Chambers (693-1493; [laatka@comcast.net](mailto:laatka@comcast.net)).

**TRUSTEES’ SPRING WORK DAY IS TODAY,** 11:30 AM.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** with the Faith Lessons series using The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah videos. Beginning May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be both 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM sessions.

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: When Storms Come  
Piercing the Darkness

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: City of the Great King 1 & 2

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: morning only: Lamb of God

Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: morning: Roll the Stone Away  
evening: Lamb of God

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: morning: Power to the People  
evening: Roll the Stone Away

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: evening only: Power to the People

**PASTORAL SEARCH QUESTIONNAIRES** are still coming in, and if you haven’t finished yours yet, please do it as soon as possible and return it to Church or any Search Committee member. The initial batch is being tabulated by Hartford Seminary. If you have any Questionnaires that will not be filled out, please return them to the Church; we can save a little money. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to serve at the Canton High Senior Class Breakfast here on **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Sarah LeGeyt or sign up during coffee hour.

## COMING UP

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

**MINISTER’S BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

**FARMINGTON VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF THE UCC** will have its spring meeting on Wednesday at First Congregational Church, 31 Maple Street, Bristol, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Program is “Ministry and Mission in Uncertain Times.” All are welcome.

**BELL CHOIR:** Thursday, 7:00 PM. **NO** Bell Choir May 28.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are needed for **Sunday, November 15,** 2009. Contact Polly Rice, 651-7813, to provide worship flowers.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS 2008-2009

Amanda Arnone	Jennifer Herbek	Karen Needham
Betsy Ash	Leslee Hill	Karen Olejniczak
Willi Bowman	Rick Hill	Bob Oswald
Ann Buckley	Michele Iannello	Kristin Oswald
Geri Bunnell	Mary Lou Keefe	Amy O’Toole
Ned Bunnell	Jim Koplars	Nancy Parshley
Ana Chambers	Sam LeGeyt	Deb Poleyestewa
Dina Emirzian	Bob Mankowski	Polly Rice
Mary Engvall	Diane Mankowski	Rev. Sue Prichard
Lori Eschenbrenner	Susie Mather	Judy Robinson
Allyson Getchell	Linnell Munson	Linda Solomon
Terry Getchell	Cora Mutch	Jan Tanner
Darryl Haberern		Kim Treadwell

## 2009 LONG-TERM MEMBERS

### **25 years:**

Bonnie Dommel

Jan Dommel

John Gangell

### **70 years:**

Paula Jepsen

### **40 years:**

Phil LeGeyt

Betty Rae Richardson

### **50 years:**

Evans Sealand

Evelyn Sealand

Bill Thomas

Ellie Thomas