

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

June 14, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" -Moore/arr. Hustad

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

It is good to give thanks to God!

Come to make music to our Creator.

**God knows our troubles and remembers our need.**

**Our petitions are answered and our hearts' desires fulfilled.**

Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Seek God's help in the sanctuary

**We know that God will help the anointed ones.**

**Our pride is in God alone.**

Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again.

How great is our God, our rock and defender!

**God will respond when we call.**

**We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

\*HYMN 251 (*Pilgrim*) "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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

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

**We turn to you, God of all worlds, knowing we can depend on you when earthly rulers stumble and fall, when other relationships are strained and broken, when we are faced with difficult challenges. It is good to declare your faithfulness when we have been unfaithful. It is good to give thanks, for when we do, we are reminded of the multitude of blessings we so often take for granted. Lead us in this time of worship. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, Our Father...**

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

COMMISSIONING OF SYF MISSION TRIP WORKERS

RESPONSIVE READING # 68 (*Pilgrim*) Page 517, Psalm 19

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*HYMN 460 (*Pilgrim*) "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"  
***The church school children will pass to their classrooms when the congregation begins singing.***

OFFERTORY: "The Gift of Love" -Hopson  
Senior Choir; Lauren McAllister, oboe

\*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* # 515)

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

**All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church's use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let things become as new as we give our best. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN 461 (*Pilgrim*) "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4: 26-34 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 35)

SERMON: "SOWING SEEDS"

\*HYMN 246 (*Pilgrim*) "Come, Thou Almighty King"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" -Luther/arr. Hustad

(\*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
Lydia Petersen and Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Doris Darling	Greeter
Bill Deming and Jonelle Lawhorn	Ushers
Deacons	Coffee Hour Hosts

**THE FLOWERS** today are given by Jim and Gina Magennis in memory of their mothers, Claudette Magennis and Evelia Guitierrez.

**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.

**2009 Ecumenical Summer Worship**  
**ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:00 AM**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>PREACHER</u></b>
July 12	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
July 19	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
July 26	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
August 2	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
August 9	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson
August 16	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson
August 23	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson
August 30	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson

The host church will provide nursery care during worship and fellowship/refreshment time following the service. Envelope offerings will go to their respective churches.

**NOTE:** Regular 10 AM worship at Canton Center, Sunday, July 5.

**Please see bulletin insert for announcements**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009**

**SIGN UP TO WORK AT THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL - NEXT SUNDAY**, June 21. Check out the poster on the kitchen door to find the right job for you. Especially needed are **berry pickers** for Saturday, June 20!

**MISSION TRIP PARENTS MEETING**: Today, after worship, in the Corner Room downstairs.

**WOMEN'S EVENT IS TODAY AT 5:00 PM**. The newly forming Women's Fellowship is hosting a dinner to honor our senior female church members. If you haven't signed up but want to come, please see Jan Tanner at coffee hour today.

### **MISSION BOX COLLECTION FOR JUNE & JULY:**

For Hartford Interval House, children's beach items;  
For A Hand Up, Inc., new bed pillows.

**TEACHERS** are needed for fall and also for our Summer Sundays (June 21 – August 2). Check out the opportunities at coffee hour.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED** to help with the CHS Senior High Breakfast this coming Thursday morning, beginning at 7:15 AM. **ALSO**, help is needed to set up Wednesday evening around 7 PM. See Sarah LeGeyt if you can help.

### **COMING UP**

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

**CHS SENIOR CLASS BREAKFAST**: Thursday, 7 – 10 AM.

**BELL CHOIR**: Thursday, 7:00 PM. Last rehearsal of the season.

**"SUMMER SUNDAYS"** program for children will begin June 21, and continue through August 2, while we worship here at Canton Center. The children will begin in worship and then proceed to a group class session in the church school. Nursery care is available as usual.

**STRAWBERRY PICKING**: Saturday, 7:30 AM.

**DEADLINE** for submitting item for the summer issue of *The Churchmouse* is next Sunday. Don't forget news about recent graduates and award winners.