

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

June 21, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Largo" from "The New World Symphony" -Dvořák

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.

Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.

Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.

The needy and the poor are not forgotten.

God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.

See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!

How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!

*HYMN 6 (*Chalice*) "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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

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

We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. We do battle with many enemies within and among us, but you give us confidence and courage to face them. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* # 35)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

(*No photography, please*)

MINISTER: Fellow members of this household of faith, I commend to your love this child whom we now receive as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor to live so that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, and of our Savior Jesus Christ? Will you support her parents in their efforts to guide their child in the way of the gospel, and to faithful service in Christ's church?

CONGREGATION: We will endeavor to do so, and we promise our support.

HYMN 75 (*Chalice*) (**seated**) "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"
Children may pass to the "Summer Sundays" classroom with their teacher during the singing of the LAST VERSE.

OFFERTORY: "Canticle of Faith" -Dobrinski
Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

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

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

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

*HYMN 638 (*Chalice*) "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4: 35-41 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 36)

SERMON: "DON'T JUMP OUT OF THE BOAT"

*HYMN 700 (*Chalice*) "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

*BENEDICTION and *RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "To God Be the Glory" -Wm Doane/arr. Hustad

(*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
Lydia Petersen and Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Kristin Oswald	Duty Trustee
Bill Deming and Jonelle Lawhorn	Greeters
Jim and Cathy Koplar	Ushers

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THE FLOWERS today are given by Lydia Petersen in memory of family members.

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, JUNE 21, 2009

“SUMMER SUNDAYS” program for children begins today and continues 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.

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS TODAY, 4:00 – 7:00 PM!
There are still ways to help. Or come to enjoy delicious shortcake.

PRIME TIMERS are hulling strawberries after worship today. All others are invited to help, too.

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

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.

COMING UP

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

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

SUMMER FUN NIGHT – MILLS POND & POOL: **Saturday, July 11** from 7 PM-10 PM (dependent on weather).

- Ice Cream Sundae table, beach volleyball, games and music starting at 7 PM
- Open Swim 8-10 PM
- Open to friends and interested members

Sponsored by Wider Church Fellowship. Contact **Rachel** at 693-0494 or utilityanalysts.com@comcast.net with any questions.

IN JULY AND AUGUST, we will share in ecumenical worship services with our friends at the Canton Community Baptist Church, 125 Dowd Avenue. The summer schedule is printed on the other side of this insert. Please note that ecumenical services begin here on Sunday, July 12.



2009 Ecumenical Summer Worship

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>
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.

Canton Community Baptist Church is located at 125 Dowd Ave.

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