

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

June 28, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Ivory Palaces"

-Barraclough/Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Arise, people of faith, that Christ may give us life.

This is the day of meeting in Christ's name.

We reach out for health and wholeness.

We embrace one another with concern and care.

God is attentive to us and hears our cries.

God challenges us to eager engagement in life.

Like those who watch eagerly for the morning,

We wait in joyous anticipation of God's Word.

The word of life is ours to receive.

The good news is available to be shared.

We will sing praises to God's holy name.

We will tell of God's faithfulness day by day.

*HYMN **345** (*Pilgrim*)

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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

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

We gather to thank you, gracious God, for those times when we have been lifted up by you and known your healing touch. You have clothed us with joy and filled us with hope. We are grateful that even in our days of deepest gloom and despair, you have surrounded us with a love stronger than all our pain and doubts and grievous losses. Come to us now that, together and individually, we may sense larger realities than the narrow focus of our daily concerns. We await your word. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

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 he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, and of our Savior Jesus Christ? Will you support his 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 **277** (*Pilgrim*) (**seated**) "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"
Children may pass to the "Summer Sundays" classroom with their teacher during the singing of the LAST VERSE.

OFFERTORY: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

-Liddle

Bill Thomas, vocalist

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* #515)

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

We pray that you will find our gifts acceptable, God. If we have not given according to what we have, we seek the courage to do so. May these gifts relieve suffering and reveal hope. May they give meaning to all who give and all who receive. We dedicate them, that those who have much may not have too much, and those who have little may not have too little. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN **221** (*Pilgrim*)

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 5: 21-43 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 36)

SERMON:

"TOUCHING JESUS: PRICELESS"

*HYMN **316** (*Pilgrim*)

"God of Earth and Sea and Heaven"

(sung to tune # **267**)

*BENEDICTION and *RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

-based on "Beecher" by Zundel

(*All who are able, please stand)

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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
Rick Hill	Duty Trustee
Matt and Linda Solomon and family	Greeters
Norm and Judy Robinson	Ushers
Gail and Stan Macbeth	Coffee Hour Hosts

THE FLOWERS today are given in memory of Bob.

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 28, 2009

“SUMMER SUNDAYS” program for children continues today 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.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS are on display today on the buffet counter in the Parish Hall. Please check to see if anything of yours is there. There is a variety of things: kid’s/adult’s jackets, hats, gloves, as well as kitchen items and prescription glasses.

MISSION BOX COLLECTION FOR JUNE & JULY:

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

JIM KOPLAR will have prints of his pastel painting “*Beside Still Waters*” made to sell and all proceeds will go to the SYF. This would make a great gift for anyone who has enjoyed time at Silver Lake. It, of course, has special meaning to this year’s Confirmands. Prices are as follows: 8 X 10, \$15; 12 X 16, \$30. Please call Jim to order your prints 693-6510.

FRESH PRODUCE IS APPRECIATED AT FOOD BANK.

Gardeners, please give your extra food crops *DIRECTLY* to the Canton Food Bank. The food bank is located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 55 River Road, Collinsville, and is open to receive food on Tuesday mornings between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM. The food bank volunteers suggest dropping off fresh food as close to 9:00 AM as possible in order that it may be distributed that morning.

COMING UP

MINISTER’S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Friday for the Independence Day holiday.

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.



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.