

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

July 5, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "America, the Beautiful"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Great is our God and greatly to be praised.

Worship the One whose grace covers all our needs.

The God of hosts is with us here.

We praise, with joy, God's holy name.

Ponder God's steadfast love in the temple.

Practice sharing that love while we are together.

God's love is amazing, beyond our understanding.

We seek to share the love we are receiving.

We are here to be equipped for the journey of life.

We have gathered that our daily witness might be empowered.

Sometimes we are not strong enough to love.

We pray that God will use our weakness for good.

*HYMN 18 (*Chalice*)

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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

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

God of faithful elders and lowly followers, our sure defense and faithful guide, we invoke your presence among us in this time of praise. Your name is proclaimed through all the earth, and by your hand we are made victorious over the unclean spirits and unbeliefs that stalk our paths. When we ponder your greatness, we are filled with awe. When we come to your holy mountain, we are amazed. Who are we to approach your majesty? How can we fulfill the covenant you offer us? Come, Spirit of truth, to show us the way. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* # 35)

RESPONSIVE READING: p. 761 (*Chalice*) Psalm 122

OFFERTORY: "No, Not One!"

-Oatman/Hugg

Jim Todd, vocalist

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

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

Thank you, God, for your steadfast love. We offer our praise; may it reach to the ends of the earth. We ask that our gifts empower ministry in this place and wherever our influence can reach. Let unbelief be turned to faith, ignorance to knowledge, sickness to health, brokenness to wholeness, both in us and in our neighbors near and far. Guide us, as we seek to invest our best for the sake of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 85 (*Chalice*)

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

The children may pass to the Summer Sundays classroom with their teacher when the congregation begins singing.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN 459 (*Chalice*)

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6: 1-13 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 37)

SERMON:

"THE GREAT DELEGATOR"

*COMMUNION HYMN 417 (*Chalice*)

"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive the Bread and the Cup. The deacons will administer communion to the congregation as seated. We partake of the elements after all have been served, as one body in Christ.

*HYMN 725 (*Chalice*)

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*BENEDICTION and *RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "The Washington Post"

-Sousa/Lenger

(*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
Geri Bunnell and Curt Johnson	Duty Deacons
Lorinda Pane	Duty Trustee
Stan and Gina Ritterbusch	Greeters
Dan and Patricia LeGeyt	Ushers
Gail and Stan Macbeth	Coffee Hour Hosts

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THE FLOWERS today are given by Earle and Peggy Young in memory of their son, Mark A. Young.

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, JULY 5, 2009



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.

“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 are kid’s/adult’s jackets, hats, gloves, as well as kitchen items and prescription glasses.

MISSION BOX COLLECTION FOR 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 contact Jim to order your prints at 693-6510.

COMING UP

OUR SYF MISSION TRIPPERS will be working to benefit the homeless this week at Project Hospitality on Staten Island.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Monday, 7:00 PM.

HONOR COURT will be hosted by our church in Hartford Monday evening.

SUMMER FUN NIGHT – MILLS POND & POOL: This 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.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP BEGINS next Sunday here at Canton Center Church when we welcome our friends from the Canton Community Baptist Church. All services are at 10 AM.