

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

July 12, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Be Thou With Me"

-J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Blessed be the God and parent of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank God for every spiritual blessing.

May the glory of God be known in this place!

May God's peace dwell in this and every land!

Who shall ascend the hill to reach for God?

Who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

Those who are not false or deceitful.

God speaks peace to those who are faithful.

Lift up your heads and your hearts to God.

We have come to hear the word of truth.

We turn to God, eager to receive salvation.

*HYMN 19 (*Pilgrim*)

"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

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

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

Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds our unseeing eyes, our muffled hearing and our dulled emotions, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that reveals our deceit and leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer. Let your spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim # 513*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING: Page 518 (*Pilgrim*) # **70**, Psalm 24

OFFERTORY: "The Prayer"

-Sager/Foster

Soloists: Jerry Alonzy and Judy Robinson

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim # 515*)

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

With joyous praise and dancing spirits, we dedicate this offering, acknowledging our covenant responsibility to share your word and love all your people. In gratitude for the gospel of salvation, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wisdom and insight we have received. Help us now to live according to the best we know, in Jesus name. Amen.

*HYMN 418 (*Pilgrim*)

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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 218 (*Pilgrim*)

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6: 14-29 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 37)

SERMON:

"A CLASH OF TWO WORLDS"

*HYMN 404 (*Pilgrim*)

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "God of Our Father"

-Smith/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
Geri Bunnell and Curt Johnson	Duty Deacons
Hugh Anderson	Duty Trustee
Wayne and Donna Goeben	Greeters
Randy and Diana Riley	Ushers
Evans and Evelyn Sealand	Coffee Hour Hosts

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THE FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of Whitney Jennison by his wife, Sue, and family.

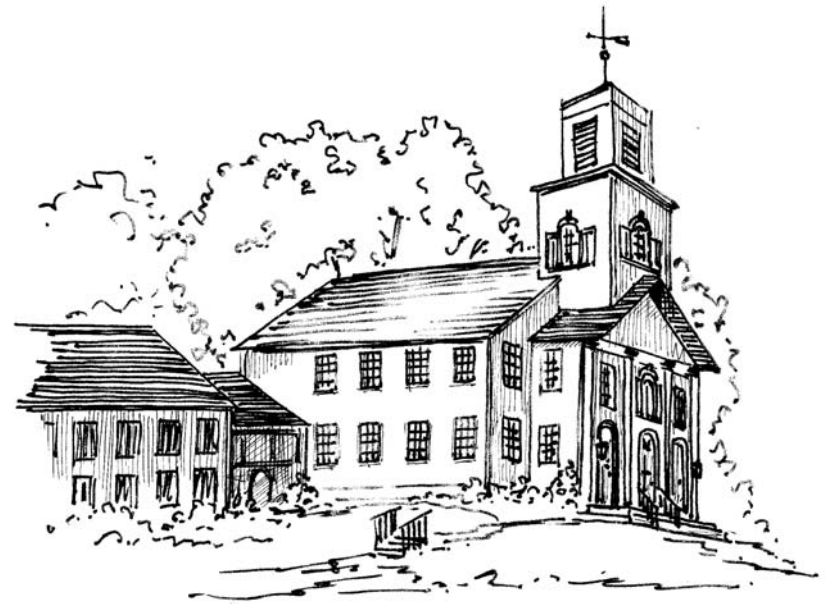
WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship service, especially our friends from the Canton Community Baptist Church as we share in ecumenical worship together. If you wish, you may sign the guest book in the vestibule. Or, fill in a Friendship Card found 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 in the Parish Hall following worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

Please see bulletin insert for announcements



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ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, JULY 12, 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 may then proceed to a group class session in the church school.

COMING UP at Canton Center

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, 10:00 AM.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Monday, 7:00 PM.



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.