

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

July 19, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "Lead Me to Calvary" (Duncannon)  
Kirkpatrick/arr. Smith; Hustad  
Organ/Piano Duet; Bob Oswald, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Come away and rest for a while.

Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

**We have come for relief from life's turmoil.**

**God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.**

God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

**This is God's house, and we are God's children.**

**God invites us to feel at home in this place.**

We have a covenant with our Creator.

This is a time for renewal of our promises.

**God calls for righteousness and justice.**

**God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.**

\*HYMN 15 (*Pilgrim*)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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

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

**Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...***

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING: Page 528 (*Pilgrim*) # **89** Psalm 89

OFFERTORY: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Doane/arr. Smith; Hustad

Organ/Piano Duet; Bob Oswald, keyboard

\*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* # 515)

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

**Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs. Amen.**

\*HYMN 97 (*Pilgrim*)

"God of Our Life..."

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

\*HYMN 93 (*Pilgrim*)

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 38)

SERMON:

"FINDING BALANCE"

\*HYMN 217 (*Pilgrim*)

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "We're Marching to Zion"

Lowry/arr. Smith; Hustad

Organ/Piano Duet; Bob Oswald, keyboard

(\*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
Katha Kerr	Duty Trustee
Art and Joyce Bristol	Greeters
Dan LeGeyt and Phil LeGeyt	Ushers

**THE FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of Joan Adajian by Gary and her sons, Nathan and Jesse.

**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.

**PLEASE JOIN US** in the Parish Hall following worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:** Monday, 7:00 PM.

**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 provides nursery care during worship and fellowship/refreshment time following the service. Envelope offerings go to their respective churches.

Canton Community Baptist Church is located at 125 Dowd Ave.

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