

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

July 26, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "As Torrents in Summer"

-Edward Elgar

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

This is the hour to bend our knee before God.

This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

**We gather before God, who sees all our deeds.**

**We open our hearts to the One who knows all our thoughts.**

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

We come together proclaiming, "God is with us!"

**We come to be strengthened in our inner being.**

**We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.**

God's presence evokes our joyous worship.

The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

**To God be highest glory in the church.**

**To God be endless adoration in the world.**

Amen. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 199 (*Pilgrim*)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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

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

**We are seeking after you, loving God, for you are our refuge. Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware. We want to respond, not as fools, but as faithful friends of Jesus. We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed. We are here to offer our best for the good of all. Use us, we pray, to accomplish in and through this church, far more than we can ask or imagine. All glory be to you, amazing God, in this and every hour, forever and ever. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...***

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* # 513)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING # 107, page 537 (*Pilgrim*) Psalm 145

OFFERTORY: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" -Wesley/arr. Hayes  
Organ/Chimes Duet; Lydia Petersen, chimes

\*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* # 515)

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

**We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see, that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities we had not imagined. May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all – more comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more mercy to meet our treachery, more sense of presence amid our loneliness, more strength to overcome our weakness, more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy. Amen.**

\*HYMN 223 (*Pilgrim*)

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

\*HYMN 317 (*Pilgrim*)

"I Love to Tell the Story"

SCRIPTURE: John 6: 1-21 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 90)

SERMON:

"MORE THAN ENOUGH"

\*HYMN 63 (*Pilgrim*)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

\*BENEDICTION and \*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: "Benedictus"

-F.J. Haydn

(\*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
Phil Worley	Duty Trustee
Bob and Carol Dyer and Joan Colglazier	Greeters
Terry Getchell, Sue Jennison and Ruth Scanlon	Coffee Hour Hosts

**THE FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of Bob and Marion Ellison and Prosper Larose by Marilyn Larose and her 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.

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

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

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL:** Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 PM.

**THE CHURCH SECRETARY** is on vacation July 25-August 9. During that time, the church office will be closed on Thursdays, July 30, and August 6, and Fridays, July 31, and August 7.

**2009 Ecumenical Summer Worship  
ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:00 AM**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PREACHER</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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