

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

August 2, 2009

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "O God, Thou Faithful God"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining.
Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

We have received manna in the wilderness.

We have been offered the bread of life.

Open your selves to God's steadfast love.
Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

We are judged according to our deeds.

Our secret sins are known to our God.

The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy.
God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry.

Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.

*HYMN **464** (*Chalice*) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

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

We hear you calling us, loving God, to a life of humility, gentleness, and patience. Keep your call before us in this hour that we may recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ. May your Spirit unite us in the bond of peace. Speak to us of the Savior, who bore humanity's shame that we might learn to bear with one another in love. Draw us to a common faith, in spite of our differences. Lead us into new depths of trust beyond our knowing, and along new pathways of service outdistancing our fears. In Jesus' name we pray, and also saying, *Our Father...*

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* # 35)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51, page **743** (*Chalice*)

OFFERTORY: "Hymn of Praise"

-Niedzielski

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* # 46)

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

We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN **491** (*Chalice*)

"As Grain on Scattered Hillsides"

SCRIPTURE: John 6: 24-35 (Pew Bibles, N.T. p. 91)

SERMON:

"IT'S _ _ _ ABOUT ME"

*COMMUNION HYMN **403** (*Chalice*)

"In Remembrance of Me"

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 **602** (*Chalice*)

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*BENEDICTION and *RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

-Runyan

(*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	Director of Music
Bob Oswald	Substitute Organist
Geri Bunnell and Curt Johnson	Duty Deacons
Kristin Oswald	Duty Trustee
Barbara Lowell and Phyllis Meeker	Greeters

THE FLOWERS today are given by Darryl Haberern in celebration of her daughter, family and friends.

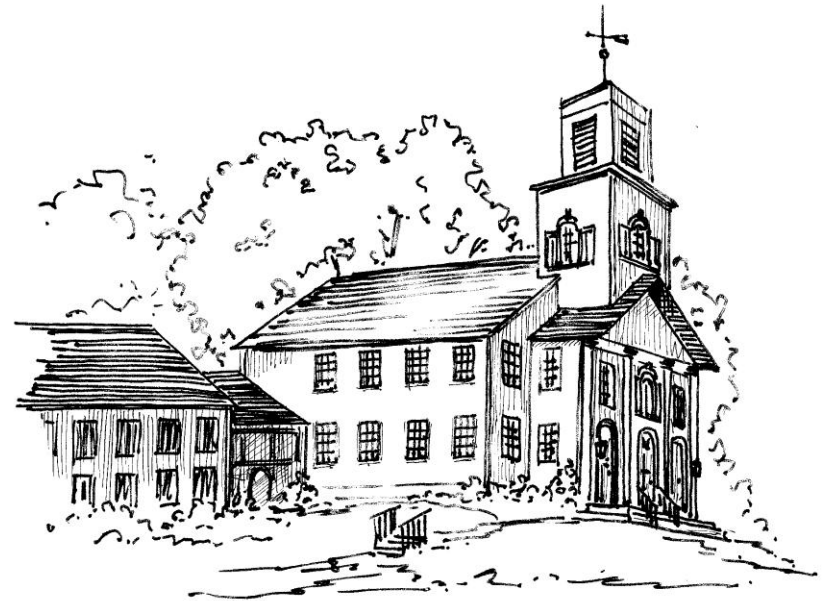
WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship service, especially our friends from the Canton Community Baptist Church as we share in ecumenical worship together. If you wish, you may sign the guest book in the vestibule. Or, fill in a Friendship Card found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

PLEASE SEE BULLETIN INSERT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 2, 2009

HONOR COURT will be hosted in Hartford tomorrow evening by Canton Center Church.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Monday, 7:00 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

THE CHURCH SECRETARY is on vacation through August 9. The church office will be closed Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7.

NEXT SUNDAY, OUR ECUMENICAL WORSHIP will move to Canton Community Baptist Church, 125 Dowd Avenue at 10:00 AM, for the next four Sundays. (See schedule below.)

REGULAR WORSHIP RESUMES here at Canton Center Church on Sunday, September 6, at 10:00 AM. Nursery Care is provided. Church School classes will not meet. Rally Day, including Church School Registration and All-Church Picnic after church, will be on September 13. Watch for details in the September issue of *The Churchmouse* in late August.

DEADLINE for submitting items for the September issue of *The Churchmouse* is Sunday, August 16.

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 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.