

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

April 4, 2010

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "This Joyful Eastertide"

-Burkhardt

INTROIT: 9:00 "Sing and Shout" Cherub Choir; Judy Robinson, Dir.

10:30 "The Rose" (McBroom) Junior Choir; Betsy Ash, Dir.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Sing the glad songs of victory;
God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**God is our strength and our song;
this is the day of our salvation.**

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**The one who was rejected assures us:
we are accepted and beloved by God.**

We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news.
We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

**God reigns; let all nations and peoples rejoice.
In Christ, all shall be made alive.**

*HYMN 216 (*Chalice*) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Accompaniment: Brass Quartet

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) followed by

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

**With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you,
marvelous God. How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this
day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our
fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to
trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit
of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ, in whose name we
pray, and also saying, *Our Father...***

*GLORIA PATRI (*Chalice* # 35)

ANTHEM: "The Emmaus Road"

-Nagy

Senior Choir; Jim Todd, soloist

*HYMN 218 (*Chalice*)

"Thine Is the Glory"

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119, Page 759 (*Chalice*)

OFFERTORY: "Let Us Walk Close to Thee"

-arr. Eithun

Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* # 46)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

**Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the
first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered Christ to
the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts,
testify to good news of your forgiving love and empowering
acceptance. Amen.**

ANTHEM: "Hosanna in the Highest"

-Courtney

9:00 service: Senior Choir

10:30 service: Senior Choir and Junior Choir

Brass Quartet: Dillon Bowen, trumpet; David Solomon, trumpet;
Bob Oswald, trombone; Rose Minichiello, baritone sax

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN 226 (*Chalice*)

"He Lives!"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24: 1-12 (Pew Bibles, N.T., Page 83)

SERMON: "SEEKING JESUS"

*HYMN 215 (*Chalice*)

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen"

-Mendelssohn

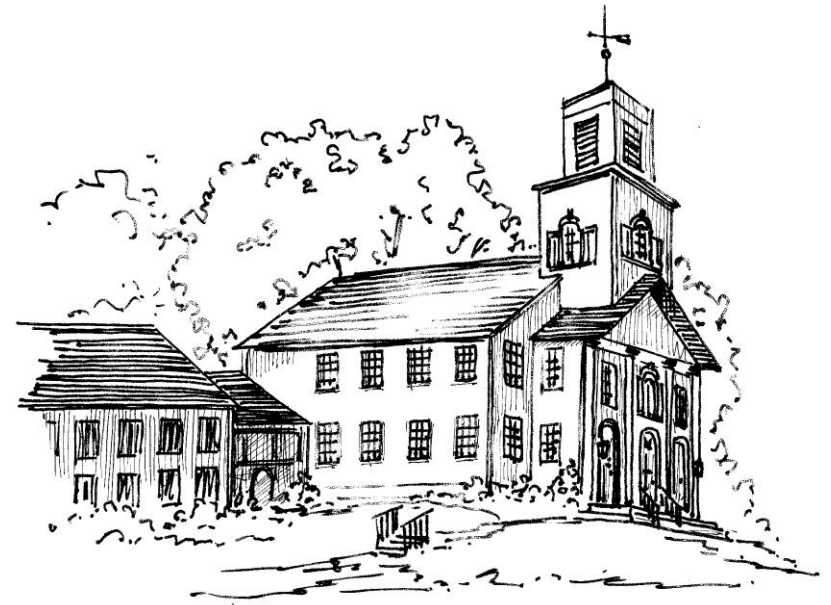
*POSTLUDE: "St. Anne"

-J.S. Bach

(*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
Judy Robinson	Director of the Cherub Choir
Betsy Ash	Director of the Junior Choir
Lydia Petersen and Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Dave Heyer	9:00 Duty Trustee
Lori & Grant Hagedorn, Danielle Breton & Baby Caroline	9:00 Greeters
Dave and Carol Heyer	9:00 Ushers
Phil Worley	10:30 Duty Trustee
Tim and Cary LeGeyt	10:30 Greeters
Kristin and April Oswald	10:30 Ushers

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WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship. 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 during the **9:00 AM service only** today.

"KID PACKS" are available in the church vestibule for the use of younger children in the pews during worship.

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 see bulletin insert for announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

NO CHOIR REHEARSALS TODAY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DONORS OF THE EASTER LILIES that beautify our church today. Donors, please to leave your lilies until after the **second** (10:30) service. If you cannot take your plant after the 10:30 service, please sign up on the church kitchen door so that your plant(s) will be reserved for you. Remaining lilies will be delivered to our homebound members by the deacons.

THE CROSS AMID THE LILIES was fashioned from the church's Christmas tree.

OUR MISSION COLLECTION for April is **toiletries** for the South Park Inn.

COMING UP

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 PM.

HONOR COURT in Hartford is hosted by our church Monday evening.

MINISTER'S BOOK STUDY: Tuesday, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Next Sunday, 8:30 AM.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Next Sunday, 9:00 AM.

PRIME TIMERS meet on Wednesday, April 14, at Noon in the Parish Hall for lunch and a program. The program will be presented by Carl Walter and Ruth Hummel on the Farmington River Canal. Please bring a lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided.