

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

April 11, 2010

10:00 AM

CHIMES

Lydia Petersen

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

-Irvine/arr. Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP (**responsively**):

God is our strength and our salvation;
let everything that breathes praise our God!

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.
Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

We will give thanks this day, for God is good.

The steadfast love of God endures forever.

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

We are witness to the God who acts.

We are here to offer our worship and praise.

*HYMN 35 (*Pilgrim*)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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

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

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. In his name we also pray, saying, *Our Father* . . .

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim* #513)

UNISON READING: Psalm 150, #109, Page 539 (*Pilgrim*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY: "Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me"
Senior Choir

-Larson

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim* #515)

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

For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.

*HYMN 188 (*Pilgrim*)

"Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

***The Church School children may pass to their classrooms
when the congregation begins singing.***

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

followed by the PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

*HYMN 192 (*Pilgrim*)

"The Day of Resurrection"

SCRIPTURE: John 20: 19-31 (Pew Bibles, N.T., Page 107)
Acts 5: 27-32 (Pew Bibles, N.T., Page 113)

SERMON:

"WITNESSES"

*HYMN 193 (*Pilgrim*)

"Thine Is the Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" -Haydn/arr. Hustad

(*All who are able, please stand)

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Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah W. LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist, Director of Music
Lydia Petersen and Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Rick Hill	Duty Trustee
Mayo and Bev Schreiber	Greeters
Tom and Robin Owens	Ushers

THE FLOWERS today are given by the Potter Family in memory of their parents and grandparents.

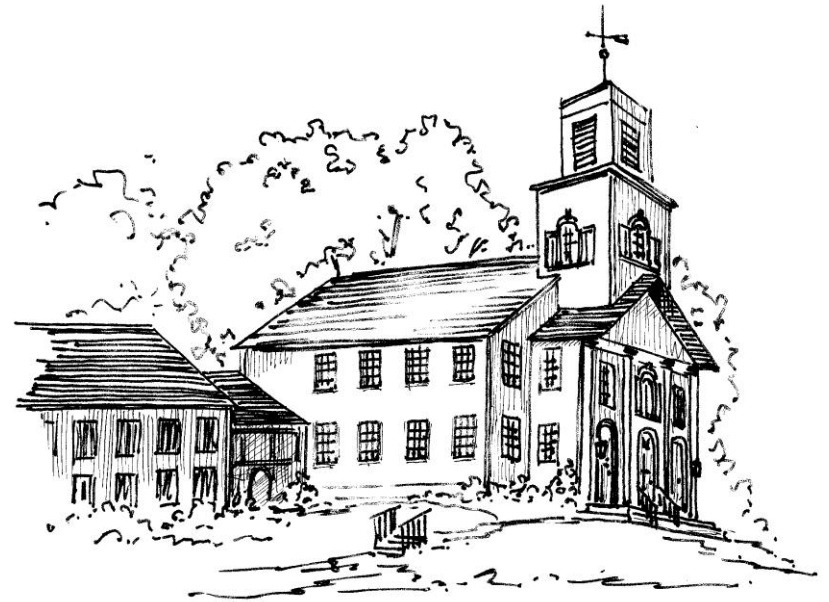
WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship service. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. Or, fill in a Friendship Card found in the pews. Also found with the Friendship Cards are Pew Envelopes. Please feel free to use them for any donation.

LARGE PRINT COPIES of today's bulletin are available on the ushers' tables in the back of the church.

NURSERY CARE is available in the lower level of the Parish House.

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

Please see bulletin insert for announcements.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

JUNIOR CHOIR: Today, 11:15 AM in the Music Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL TALENT: There's still time to sign up to perform in the talent show on May 16. See Jim Koplak or Bob Mankowski during coffee hour today. Tickets for the luncheon and show will go on sale on April 25.

MISSION COLLECTION for April is toiletries for South Park Inn.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to consult the sign-up sheets for **Greeters, Ushers and Coffee Hour Hosts**. There are opportunities to serve in all these areas in coming weeks.

COMING UP

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, 10:00 AM.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Monday, 6:30 PM.

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Monday, 7:00 PM.

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

PRIME TIMERS meet on Wednesday 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 your lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

SYF MEETING: Next Sunday, 10:00 AM in the Corner Room.