

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

May 2, 2010

10:00 AM

*HYMN 232 (*Pilgrim*)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

SCRIPTURE LESSON: from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians

PRELUDE: “Where’er You Walk”

-Handel/arr. Price

SERMON: “THE CHURCH: THEN; - NOW; and, - YET”

The Rev. Dr. Evans F. Sealand, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

SILENT PRAYER and PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 260 (*Pilgrim*)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison):

Holy God, You are our Loving Creator. You are as close to us as breathing and as distant as the farthest star. We thank You for Your Constant Love, for all You have made and for all that sustains life. As we unite our voices with Your faithful people everywhere, grace our worship this day with the presence of Your Holy Spirit; in Christ’s Name we pray together His prayer:

*HYMN 286 (*Pilgrim*)

“Come, Risen Lord”

INVITATION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING (in unison):

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us with This remembrance of Your Love, and that You have granted to us the Presence of Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask You to strengthen our faith in You, and to increase our love for one another; through Him Who is our Redeemer. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING #96 (*Pilgrim*) Pages 531-532

*GLORIA PATRI (*Pilgrim # 513*)

*HYMN 404 (*Pilgrim*)

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

OFFERTORY: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

-Hayes

Senior Choir

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim # 515*)

*RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison):

O God, You have given us the gifts of life and new life in Jesus Christ. In keeping with His Spirit and His Living, we now offer our gifts to You. May they be used to extend Your Realm, and Your Reign. With them we dedicate our personal ministries in the days ahead. So may each of us be a part of Your Answer to the cries of the world. In Christ we pray together. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: “God of Our Fathers”

-Warren/Wilson

(*All who are able, please stand)

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Mary Lou Keefe	Organist, Director of Music
Betsy Ash and Bob Oswald	Duty Deacons
Katha Kerr	Duty Trustee
Andy and Katha Kerr	Greeters

THE FLOWERS today are given in memory of Roscoe and Louise Bristol by the family.

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.

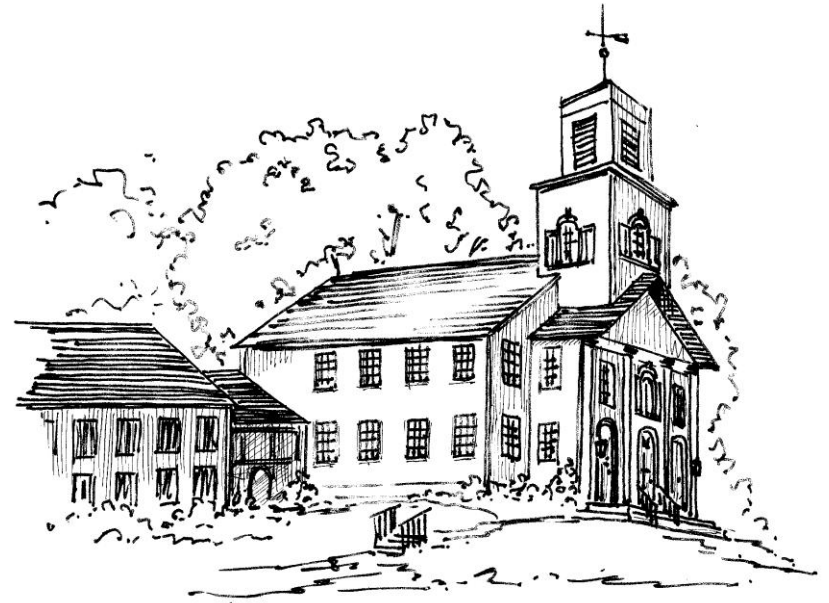
WE WELCOME to our pulpit today the Pastor Emeritus of this church, the Rev. Dr. Evans F. Sealand, Jr.

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, MAY 2, 2010

CHERUB CHOIR BEGINS TODAY at 11:15 AM in the Music Room. They will rehearse weekly to perform on Christian Education Sunday, June 13. Children age 4 through Grade 2 are welcome to join this choir which is directed by Judy Robinson.

DISHES AND PLATES, which were kindly filled with food for recent events at the church, are available to be retrieved from the buffet counter in the Parish Hall. Please check for anything that belongs to you. And, thanks for the goodies!

JUNIOR CHOIR: Today, 11:30 AM (new time) in the Music Room.

SYF MISSION TRIPPERS PARENT MEETING: Today, 11:30 AM in the Corner Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL TALENT SHOW TICKETS are on sale today during coffee hour. Event includes lunch and talent show on Sunday, May 16.

ANNUAL MINI BELL FEST IS TODAY at Memorial United Methodist Church, 867 West Avon Road at 4:00 PM. Hear our own Cherry Brook Chimes and other Farmington Valley area bell choirs perform massed and solo ringing. The concert is free and open to the public with refreshments to follow.

MISSION COLLECTION for May is non-perishable items for Canton Food Bank. Please leave donations in the mission collection box by the church kitchen.

COMING UP

SENIOR CHOIR: Monday, 7:00 PM.

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

DIACONATE: Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

BELL CHOIR: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

SPRING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE UCC – PART I, Saturday, May 8, is to be held at First Congregational Church of Madison, 26 Meetinghouse Lane. In addition to our church delegates, any church member is welcome to attend. Get more information as well as register at www.ctucc.org or phone 860-233-5564.

MISSIONARY & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Next Sunday, 9:00 AM in the Corner Room.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! Next Sunday will be the first Sunday worship service conducted by our new minister, Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray. Let us help him put names to faces by wearing our name tags.

PRIME TIMERS meet on Wednesday, May 12, at noon in the church's Parish Hall for lunch and a program. The program will be presented by The Connecticut Paranormal Research Society on "Tales of Haunted Houses." Please bring a donation for the Food Bank and your lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided.

TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL: Saturday, May 15, 9:00 AM – 10 AM.

CANTON HUNGER WALK is Saturday, May 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, rain or shine. The event is sponsored by Focus on Canton, Inc., with the proceeds to benefit the Canton Food Bank. Details on the Missions bulletin board.