

**Welcome! Thank You for Worshiping With Us Today!**

Welcome to *The First Congregational Church of Southington*. Ours is an **open & affirming** congregation dating from 1724 & worshipping in our present Meetinghouse since 1830. One of the larger, more vibrant *United Church of Christ* churches in New England, our church's purpose is to love & worship God; extend God's radically-inclusive love to all people everywhere; make more & better disciples of Jesus Christ; & inspire people & society to become more & more just, loving, compassionate & Christ-like. You will find our church to be an accepting, caring, non-judgmental community, where faith is renewed, lives are transformed, & power for positive living is received. It's a church *where the Spirit is alive & miracles happen!* Welcome!

**T. G. I. SUNDAY: CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

March 23, 2008

11:15am

**PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES... THANK YOU !**

**INFANT & TODDLER CARE BY ADULTS DURING ALL SERVICES IN CHURCH NURSERY**

*"In the last analysis, what convinced people that Jesus had risen from the dead was not the absence of his corpse, but his living presence. And so it has been ever since."* - Frederick Beuchner -

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

The Gathering Music

The Welcome and Welcoming One Another

Church Family Announcements

Call to Worship

\*A Time for Singing

**\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

With thanksgiving and joy we worship you, O God. Your creation is amazing. This day is glorious; filled with new life. Come among us now, we pray, to raise up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to be. 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 the risen Christ, in whose name we pray and for whose realm we labor. Amen

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture Lessons

**JOHN 1:1-18**

Sermon

RESURRECTED IN US

Rev. Patricia L. Liberty

Prayers of the Church

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**(Please come forward, break off piece of bread & dip it into cup. In the gold container are gluten-free, wheat-free, corn-free, soy-free wafers for those with allergies.)**

The Act of Blessing **(A blessing by anointing is offered during communion to all who wish it.**

**After partaking of communion, go to either kneeling bench, & kneel or stand.)**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (please join hands)

\*Song **(During this song, an offering will be received to support our church & its ministries & missions)**

\*Benediction

\*Response

**PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

**Greeters:** Evelyn McKay, Betsey Sarris & Aliya, Liz Rogers

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Betsy & Tom Casey

**Flowers:** Today tulips adorn our altar in celebration of Easter. (See insert)

**Our Flower Chart to provide flowers in honor/memory of loved ones is in Memorial Hall.**

**Pick a date, don't forget your phone number, and Meredith or Bev will be in touch.**

\* \* \* \* \*

**Joys & Concerns for** We pray for Matt Bavolack and family as they grieve the death of his mother (100 yrs.). We continue to pray for Shirley Penfield, Dorothy Beadle, Bonnie Perry, Andrea Sinclair, Pat Diego, Matthew Currao (Iraq), Betsy Roberts; Vi Hart; Mitzi Cronin; Maureen Curtis; Pat Livingstone; our Stephen Ministers & care-receivers.

\* \* \* \* \*

**FOR PASTORAL NEEDS & EMERGENCIES** call any of our ministers: Patricia L. Liberty (860-919-2260), Rick Haverly (860-620-0513), Cyndie Holden (203) 206-9507 or Linda Fernandes-Bailey (1-860-274-9907).

**SCHEDULING EVENTS:** Please call the office to schedule any meetings, events or building use (628-6958).

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS** -Dismissal times for church school are: 9:30am – 10:45am; 11:15am – 12:30pm; 6:00pm – 7:15pm. If the service is over before dismissal time, please go to Memorial Hall until church school ends.

**SAFE CHURCH FIRE DRILL.** Some time **between January & May** we'll have a fire drill with no advanced notice. If you hear the fire alarm during the church service, follow the directions from the minister. **DO NOT GO THROUGH THE CHURCH** to get anyone. All children will be evacuated by their teachers/infant care staff (they're usually out before anyone else).

**2007 TAX STATEMENTS** are available in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up so we can save on postage!**

**SUMMER CAMP:** The UCC runs a wonderful summer camp experience for children & teens at *Silver Lake Conference Center* in Sharon, CT. Brochure & registration is now available on-line at [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org) (Click on "Silver Lake"). We also have some scholarship assistance available. See Karlene Archambeault or Carole Lantz.

**VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED!** We're looking for someone to film one service each week, and special events throughout the year. If you're interested contact Pat Liberty (628-6958) for details.

**NO TWIGS REHEARSALS** in April. We'll resume in May. See you then.

**HELP The 7,000.00 Fund Raising Challenge!** Mothers Day and Graduations are right around the corner. Would you like to purchase that special someone a beautiful piece of Silpada Jewelry? Silpada Designs Jewelry will be on display and for sale April 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> after the 9:15 and 11:15 worship services. 100% of the profits will go to the challenge. Silpada is an incredible collection of .925 Sterling Silver Jewelry, belts and watches. Questions please contact Kathy Patenaude 203-631-7894

**GORDON'S INSTALLATION:** We are exploring the possibility of a bus for members to attend Gordon's installation at Keene Congregational Church on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The bus would leave our church at 2pm and return at 10pm. The cost would be \$25/person made out to "FCC" and due in the church office by March 30. If you are interested sign-up outside the pastor's office door.

**FREE UPRIGHT PIANO** Anyone interested in the upright piano that was once used in Memorial Hall should call Beth Winne, (621-6159). Your only cost is the mover.