

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

**The First Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage Sunday
30 May 2010
10 o'clock in the morning**



We are so glad you were able to join us this morning for this service of worship. This is what we call Heritage Sunday because we honor those who have been members here at least 50 years. Over that period of time, these people whom we recognize have given of themselves in many ways to the work of the church and the Kingdom of God. It is also the weekend when we remember those who have served in the military and have given their lives for our country. It is also just about summer. So for all these reasons, we're glad you've chosen to be with us this morning.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Prélude, Improvisation and Méditation
(from *Suite Médiévale*)

Terence J. Flanagan, organ
Jean Langlais

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Daniel B. England

HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

***‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 15

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who has called us by name,
and appointed us priests and saints of your church,

Strengthen our resolve for good.

Increase our love of each other.

And give us a heart of compassion for the humanity
for whom Christ died.

Help us to see you in the everyday encounters of our lives,
that we may know you are ever present with us
and those we love.

Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How is it, Lord, that at times our soul thirsts after you
and our hearts yearn for your word of peace and comfort.

But in an instant we are angry or selfish or harsh,
hardly recognizing ourselves.

Such are our contradictory beings, Lord,
and we are bewildered by our two selves.

But you, our Lord and our God, have the power to heal the
rift in us,
To draw us ever closer to you and release us from the self that
harms and fears.

So here, now, we pray that you would envelope us with
forgiveness,
And in gratefulness, we might live with greater integrity.

For we bear the name of your Son, who taught us to pray
saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

‡Congregational Response

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-13, 22-23

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

He that shall endure to the end (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.

SECOND LESSON

Pat Larrabee

Luke 19-1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and

said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

*‡HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 335*

SERMON *Come Down Out of that Tree* Rev. Daniel B. England

RESPONDING TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Lord is King! Let the earth rejoice.
Let the many coastlands be glad.
Clouds and thick darkness are all
around him.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
The Lord loves those who hate evil.
He guards the lives of the faithful;
He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.

(from Psalm 97)

*Gloria

New Century (black) Hymnal 754
Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

PASTORAL PRAYER AND QUIET MEDITATION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey, Arranged by Jack Schrader

(The text, stanzas 1 and 2, and tune are found at *New Century (black) Hymnal 472*)

***Doxology**

New Century (black) Hymnal 776

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 218

***CLOSING SENTENCES**

Leader: The Lord has come to us this day.

People: He has sought us out and brought salvation to our house.

Leader: Like a good shepherd, he has come after us.

People: And called us by name.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Acclamations (from *Suite Médiévale*)

Jean Langlais

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the Preschool area. Your children are always welcome for the entire service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website, www.fccog.org. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Heritage Sunday

First Church is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more.

1930

Mildred Ferris Wescott

1931

Carolyn Grant Colegrove
Dorothy Ficker Jenkins

1934

David Ficker

1936

Barbara George Crilley
Carolyn Wright Ashwell

1937

Robert Schroeder
Betty Sleath

1939

Jeanne Freeman Boyer

1942

Barbara Firth Kneen
Phyllis Heusted Palmer

1943

Joyce Grossberndt Ferris

1947

Robert Starr, Jr.

1948

Louise Guy
Nancy R. Hoffman

1949

Donald Freeman
Ruth Gisborne Reed
Florence Earl

1950

Helen Grimm
Erling Andersen
Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels
Dorothy Lenhart
Dorothy Dalenz Perna Robertson
Doris Neikirk

1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman
Gifford Reed
William Vanneman

1952

Dorothy Pidgursky
Barbara Van Buren
William C. Henry
E. William Fossum

1953

Selma Ash
John Denne
Claire Gisborne Henry

Diane Magness Andersen
Benito Menegon

1954

Warner Finney
Caralliene Westbrook

1955

Helen Hagner
Larry Haviland
Bing Vernet
Russell Vernet
Janet Dinwiddie
Ralph Vivian

1956

Lawrence Dickie
Virginia Liddel
Eleanor Mawhinney
Betsy Pearson
Betty Woodman

1957

Tina Birkic
Emily Jostrand
Donna Magness Gargagliano
Mary Wyatt
Charles Livingston
Marcia Livingston

1958

Richmond Hopkins
Barbara Hopkins
Jane Ann Henry Ives
Stanley Rand III
Barbara Elizabeth Van Buren
Richmond

1959

Hilda Cardwell
Pat Geismar
Richard Geismar
Janet Klingner
Roland Klingner
Carol Mawhinney
Darleyne Sandreuter
James Starkweather
Mary Starkweather
Florence Stewart

1960

Marian Cordner
William Cordner
Dorothy Fisk
Alexander Kulchuk
Charlotte Schmidt-Fellner
Nan Snyder

Calendar

TODAY

There is no **Church School** today but Child Care is available as always. Recognition Sunday is next Sunday, June 6 and it is a Communion Sunday. Our children and young people will be leading and participating in the worship service. Everyone is invited to bring a flower from your garden for the Flower Cross. Our third graders will receive their Bibles and then we celebrate them, our teachers and the congregation during Coffee Hour with special cakes! We hope to see you!

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available today in Room 203 after the Worship Service. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.

Bible Study on Revelation will begin at 11: 15 a.m. in the Lounge, right after Worship. This week: the seventh trumpet, a Christmas story, perhaps, and a dragon just for good measure. Oh yes, and a seven headed beast. Wait! There's another one... You can't miss this one; led by Dan England.

THIS WEEK

Hats Off! has ended its season. We will start again in the fall. Look for future dates in the bulletin.

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NEWS AND NOTICES

Summer Choir - The Chancel Choir has suspended Thursday night rehearsals, but invites all who would like to join them to come on Sunday mornings for a 9:00 am warm-up and rehearsal in the Meetinghouse. Adults and youth are welcome. It's a great time to see if choir is right for you. You can even come just to the rehearsal, if you feel you're not quite "ready for prime time." To help newcomers learn the music, the parts of each week's anthems will be found on the website, www.fccog.org under Music/Choir Learning Files.

Church School Teachers wanted by our children! There are still many opportunities for anyone who is interested in teaching Church School to do so. Perhaps you taught years ago and would like to revisit that ministry, perhaps you do not have children but would enjoy being in community

with our youngest members, or perhaps you do have a child in Church School and would like to share the experience with them. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and let either the pastors or Rosemary help you decide! See the sign up board at Coffee Hour.

Beach Services will begin Sunday June 13 at 8:00 am, weather permitting. There is a need for a few volunteers to help with hospitality and coffee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Betsy Kreuter at 203-698-3016.

Food Barrel Extended to Weekly

Please consider adding an item or two to your shopping cart with each week's shopping. Items currently needed include cereal, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, dried beans (kidney and black), 100% juices, canned tomatoes, peanut butter (no larger than 20 ounces please) and jelly. You can also visit Neighbor-to-Neighbor's website at www.n-to-n.org for updated food needs.

Attention All Gardeners

If you are planting a vegetable garden this spring, please consider dedicating a small patch to donate to the hungry. Fresh vegetables can be left with the food barrel donations each week and are such a gift for the clients of Neighbor to Neighbor.

First Congregational Church of Greenwich Church School Teaching Teams 2010-2011

<p>BABY NURSERY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Helen Morris 2. 3. 4. 5. (HS) 6. (HS) 	<p>KINDERGARTEN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fred & Nanette Laffan 2. 3. 4. 5. (HS) 6. (HS) 	<p>FOURTH GRADE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marjorie Glover 2. 3. 4. 5. (HS) 6. (HS)
<p>TODDLER NURSERY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Janette Hoekstra 2. 3. 4. 5. (HS) Esther Hoekstra 6. (HS) Duly Chiapetta - Supervisor 	<p>FIRST GRADE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lindy and Randy Freeman 2. Cindy Fong 3. Christina & Michael Russell 4. 5. (HS) Gwen Pfetsch 6. (HS) 	<p>FIFTH GRADE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter Thalheim 2. Charles Ariyibi 3. 4. 5. (HS) 6. (HS)
<p>THREE-YEAR-OLDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chris Schoen 2. Lori Romano 3. 4. 5. (HS) 6. (HS) 	<p>SECOND GRADE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bonny Edwards 2. 3. 4. 5. (HS) 6. (HS) 	<p>PASTORS' CLASS (6th, 7th, 8th)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anne Pfetsch 2. Fred Lorthioir 3. 4. 5. (HS) Charlie Baird 6. (HS) Courtney Griffin
<p>FOUR-YEAR-OLDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cara Olmsted 2. Jane Finch 3. Dianne Shrier 4. Peg Wentworth 5. (HS) Jenna Hascher 6. (HS) <p>As of May 24, 2010</p>	<p>THIRD GRADE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kristin Taylor 2. Beth Press & Mark Mohn 3. Kellie Norrgard 4. 5. (HS) Lindsey Hascher 6. (HS) 	<p>(HS) High School Student</p>

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Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

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Director of Church School: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

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