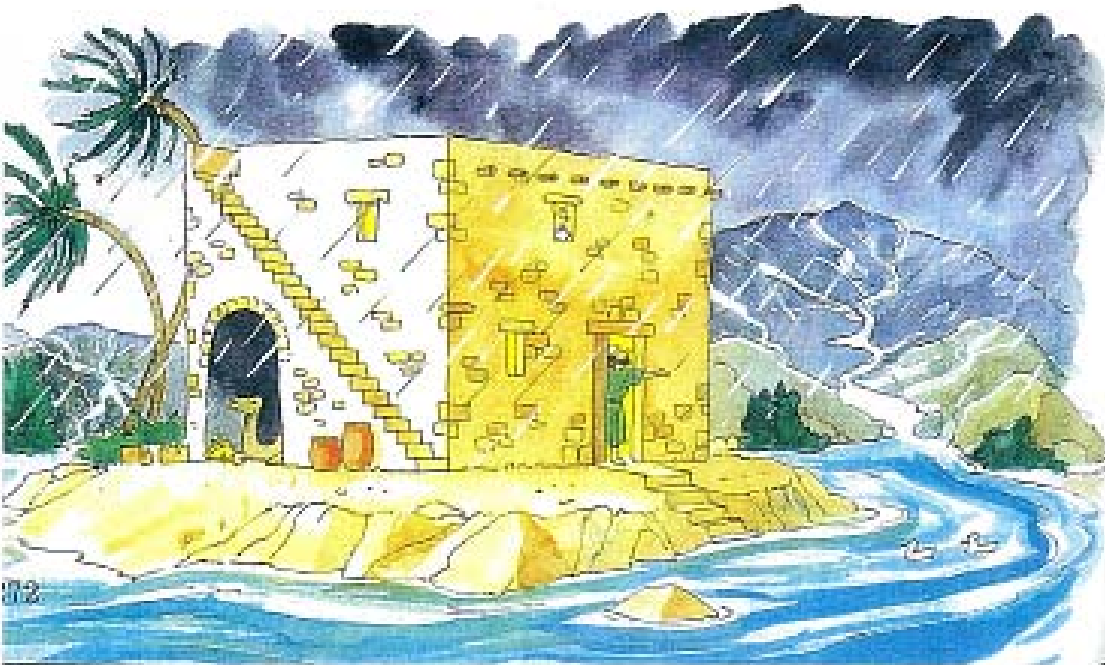


“Faith Built On A Rock”



**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Church School Recognition**  
**6 June 2010**  
10 o'clock in the morning



Welcome to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church as we invite children and adults, students and teachers to enter into a joyful, loving celebration of God on this Recognition Sunday. (May this time of worship bring to you the sense of freshness that Jesus had in mind when he invited his followers to become as children and so enter God's Kingdom.)

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

\*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

#### **PRELUDE**

Roulade

*Mark Swicegood, organ  
Seth Bingham*

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Dr. David D. Young*

#### **MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY**

*The Olmsted Family*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

Holy Bible, Book Divine

*The Cherub Choir; Janice Riddell, director  
William Bradbury*

Holy Bible, Book divine,  
Precious treasure, thou art mine;  
Mine to tell me whence I came;  
Mine to teach me what I am.  
  
Mine to tell of joys to come,  
Light and life beyond the tomb;  
Holy Bible, book divine,  
Precious treasure, thou art mine. *(John Burton)*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Elizabeth Mohn and JQ Norrgard,  
Second Grade*

#### **\*‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

For the Beauty of the Earth (stanzas 1-4)

*Pilgrim Hymnal 66*

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, whose son Christ Jesus shared  
the earthly life, we give praise to you  
for your constant care.  
Send your special blessing this day upon all  
families, that parents and children may be  
bound together by mutual love,  
Through him who became a child and learned  
obedience to your will,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONFESSING TO GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Barbara Pagani, Fifth Grade*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, I know that sometimes I take the easy way out. When it seems too hard to do the right thing, help me remember the story of the foolish man who built his house on the sand. Let my life be built on the solid rock of your love so when the storms of life come, I will be strong in my faith and foundation. Thank you for loving me enough to be there for me...to be my rock. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Graders will lead the Lord's Prayer and the congregation will repeat the phrases as the children say them.*

### The LORD'S PRAYER

*The First Graders*

#### *THE 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.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Mark Montgomery, Melanie Pfetsch and Ivan Golodinskii*

### THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

**Leader:** The congregation of the First Congregational Church is giving this Bible to you because we want it to become the most important book you own. In it is the revelation of God to his people through the ages, stories of ordinary men and women whose lives were transformed by the word of God. If you will read it, study it, know it and live it, this record of God's love in Christ Jesus will strengthen you in difficult times and give your life hope and meaning. We give this Bible to you because it is a gift without equal and represents our deepest longing that you may come to know God and enjoy him forever.

**Teachers:** Those of us who are your teachers promise to open this book and its truths to you. We want to reflect on its stories with you and help you come to a more complete understanding of its message.

**Parents:** We as parents want you to grow in a knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so you can learn its words of life.

**Senior Deacon:** The entire congregation is pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand what is written on their pages.

**All:** The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Stephanie Woodman*

*Psalm 18:1-3*

**I** love you, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

### SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

*The Children's Choir  
Margaret Tucker*

I Believe in the Sun  
I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.  
I believe in love, even when I do not feel it.  
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

(This text was found written on a wall of a cave near Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid during World War II.)

### SECOND LESSON

*Olivia Hartwell*

*Matthew 7:24-27*

**E**veryone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

### \*‡HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*New Century (black) Hymnal 403*

### SERMON

*Quicksand or Solid Stand*

*Dr. David D. Young*

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### THANKSGIVING AND RECOGNITION

*Rosemary Lamie and Deb Wheelock*

*Leader: Today, we celebrate all of our church school teachers, past or present. Through their dedication, they have influenced countless children in their faith and love of God.*

**People:** We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

*Leader: There is more to be done. Children do not learn the message of God's love and presence on their own, but like all things good and worthy, only learn through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers.*

**People:** Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through the gift of teaching.

*Leader: Nor is it teaching alone that communicates the love of God. Though caring gestures, through kind words, through laughter and through gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.*

**All:** Praise be to God who calls people to lead and guide our children to a knowledge of faith in Jesus Christ. As a congregation, we pray God, by his Spirit, to give them both strength and inspiration in all that they do and say.

### CALL TO OFFERING

*Akintoye Ariyibi*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Chancel Choir*

How Shall I Sing that Majesty

*tune by Ken N. Naylor, arranged by John Ronald Daniels*

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;  
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears; whilst I thy footsteps trace,  
A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.  
They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;  
For where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;  
Yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;

Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.  
(text: John Mason)

**\*Doxology** (New Century 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**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** *(seated)*

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Serving of the Bread and Cup**

*In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of you Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

**\*CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

How Firm a Foundation

*New Century (black) Hymnal 407*

**\*CLOSING SENTENCES**

*Jeff Aselin, Pastors' Class*

**Leader:** Gifts are celebrated this day, gifts of children, teachers, parents and this entire congregation.

**People:** Commitment expressed and nurtured both inspires and strengthens.

**Leader:** For the past year we say, thanks!

**People:** To the future we say, Yes!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Celebrate

*David Arcus*

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse are given in memory of Judy Carey by Bob Carey, Libby Callaway, and the Carey children: Matt, Leah, Ann and Martha.

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.

The 10 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](http://www.fccog.org), where a bulletin can be found as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons can be found there as well.

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## *Calendar*

### TODAY

The entire Church School is in worship today. Child Care for babies and toddlers is available in the Undercroft. Summer Church School begins next Sunday, June 13.

### **Bible Study**

In our Sunday session we got through chapter 14 in the Bible Study on Revelation. On Tuesday, we only got through 13. But did we really get through 14 -- there is a mystery there that needs solving. Nevertheless, we will get through the cups of wrath, the great whore, more of the beast, the fall of Babylon and finally, at long last, the scene of rejoicing in heaven. Bizarre yes, but like so much knowledge -- like traveling to Kazakhstan, say -- your sense of reality improves. So join us, even if you haven't come until now. We're getting to the good stuff. Led by Dan England from 11:15 -12:15 in the Lounge.

### **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.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Share your name**

You may have noticed that we have been inviting you to make a name tag as you enter the Meetinghouse each Sunday. As a welcoming, vital, and caring church, we want to get to know each other better. Please wear your name tag when you are in church and at coffee hour so we can greet each other by name.

**The Choir for June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Many professional and amateur singers who have sung with John Stansell over his tenure here at First Congregational will be joining the choir for his retirement celebration worship on June 27. (Carolyn Diamond and Mark Swicegood will be organists.) There will be a rehearsal Thursday evening, June 24. If you would like to be part of this chorus, speak to John after the service this morning, or call him during the week at 203-637-1791, ext. 22. We need to be sure there are enough chairs.

**Women's Fellowship Bus Trip** has an opening for two people on Thursday, June 10, because of illness. You are welcome to join this year's trip to Philip Johnson's Glass House in New Canaan, the campus of the New Canaan Historical Society, lunch at the prize-winning, elegant Bernard's in Ridgefield, and a tour of the laurel grove at Highstead Arboretum, a privately owned foundation in Redding. All for \$95.00 each.

Reservations and additional information may be made with Joyce Nye, [joyceathome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joyceathome@sbcglobal.net).



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER TAI CHI CLASSES

Just a reminder that Tai Chi with Luis Duarte will be held on Thursdays (only) at 8:30 a.m. in June, July, and August. The June session is \$28 for four classes--(only \$7 a class).

In addition to his wonderful variety of exercises, Luis will be focusing his June session on techniques that may help to reduce the symptoms of and/or prevent arthritis. Come join this special group and bring along friends. See you on Thursday!

### Church Office Summer Hours

First Church weekday office hours from June 1 to September 7 will be 9am to 3pm. Volunteer receptionists will be on duty during those hours. Of course, you can leave a voice mail message at any time of day or night.

### Communications/Desktop Publishing

Pat Larrabee has generously agreed to be our interim Communications Director as we search for someone to fill the position on a permanent basis. If you have approved material for the weekly bulletin or Meetinghouse Monthly newsletter, please contact Pat on extension 24 and through email at [communications@fccog.org](mailto:communications@fccog.org).

## Third Graders Receiving Bibles

Joshua Kyle Arnold  
Patrick Thomas Condon  
Parker Freeman  
Olivia Renee Gurciullo  
Peter Charles Gurciullo  
Eliza Baker Keller  
Kieran Fletcher MacKenzie Mackay  
Lindsey Manos

Jack Michael Molloy  
Lauren Grace O'Donnell  
Olivia Pfetsch  
Taylor Elaine Pratt  
Julia Barton Quinn  
Charles John Windels  
Hayden Scott Witmer

## Church School Task Force/2009-2010

Margaret Phyfe and Deb Wheelock, Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Lepoutre and Laura Pugliese Co-Chairs of Christian Ed

Mary-Ann Assing  
Donna Hascher  
Diane Jenkins  
Diane Kretschmann  
Paul Kretschmann  
Rosemary Lamie

Sandy Millspaugh  
Lindsay Stafford  
Elaine Teeters  
Sarah Thalheim  
Leslie VanDermeer

## Church School Teachers

Lucinda Allen  
Charles Ariyibi  
Charlie Baird

Charlene Barnes  
Mackay  
Christine Chao

Duly Chiappetta  
Christine Collins  
April Condon

David Condon  
Alison Cox  
Cynthia Dow  
Bonny Edwards  
Daniel England  
Jane Finch  
Cindy Fong  
David Fraser  
Lindy Freeman  
Randy Freeman  
Courtney Griffin  
Peter Gurciullo  
Jenna Hascher  
Lindsey Hascher  
Erlinda Haviland  
Richard Haviland  
Janette Hoekstra  
Eileen Houseknecht  
Kelsey Ingraham  
Charles Khosla  
Grant Khosla  
Christopher Koppenheffer  
Fred Laffan  
Nanette Laffan

Sarah Lauridsen  
Michael Lepoutre  
Frederick Lorthioir  
Tim Maxwell  
Joseph McBride  
Julia McDonald  
Mark Mohn  
Marcie Molloy  
Mark Montgomery  
Elizabeth Morris  
Mary Helen Morris  
Alexander Ng-Yow  
Erik Norrgard  
Haley Norrgard  
Kellie Norrgard  
Kelsey Norrgard  
Chris O'Donnell  
Beth O'Donnell  
Cara Olmsted  
Anne Pfetsch  
Gwen Pfetsch  
Beth Press  
Lori Romano  
Paola Ryckman

B J Savin  
Christina Schoen  
Elizabeth Schrohe  
Jos Shaver  
Cathy Sibirzeff  
Julie Smith Koppenheffer  
Pamela Speer  
Virginia Stewart  
Kristin Taylor  
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Christian Thalheim  
Chris Thompson  
Ashton Vines  
Katie Weatherseed  
Peg Wentworth  
Lori White  
Carey Witmer  
Kendall Witmer  
Richard Woodman  
Dr David Young  
Emily Ziac  
Dana Zikria

## **Our Children Hope that You Will Want to Teach in September!**

Whether you have taught for several years or this has been your first, you know the rewards you gain. For those of you who have not experienced this unique process, we hope the following questions and answers will help you carefully and prayerfully consider this important opportunity.

**Am I qualified?** Everyone is qualified in some way if only by your love of children and a willingness to share your faith. The ability to hear our children's questions is important, but you don't have to have all the answers. You need a willingness to teach – but also be taught. Many of us were motivated to teach because our congregation asks each family to donate two years of your time for each of your children in the Church School. Once you do it, you realize the rewards far outweigh the risks.

**What are Teaching Teams?** A team is usually a mix of six to eight parents and high school students in each class. Each Sunday there is a Lead Teacher and at least two assistants rotating the responsibility for teaching class and preparing lessons. This enables flexibility for your personal plans and will allow you to worship at least once a month in the Meetinghouse.

**How can I find the time and skills to prepare and to teach?** Our active Church School is possible because we work together. Our UCC curriculum, entitled *Seasons of the Spirit*, provides you with lesson plans, enrichment activities and a good biblical background each week. Beginning in September, the curriculum will be available online which really simplifies preparation. Our Task Force is here every Sunday to provide support as Sunday Supers and our Director covers the Church School Office all week to help you prepare and take care of the administrative and communication tasks. Further, there is usually at least one Sunday every month that is not a Church School Sunday due to holidays, school vacations or special events.

**Where do I sign up?** At Coffee Hour or in the Undercroft, from now until all classes are filled, there are easels with signup boards organized by age and grade level. Feel free to speak with Rosemary Lamie. Just stop by her office or call 637-1791, extension 20.

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

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

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Director of Music/Senior Organist: Dr. John Stansell  
Interim Director of Music: Mark Swicegood  
Director of Church School: Rosemary Lamie  
Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister  
Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN  
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