

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## **The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**13 June 2010**

10 o'clock in the morning



**W**elcome to this service of worship! It is with gratitude that we enter into this time of celebration and thanksgiving. Today we will look at a difficult story in the history of our faith. One of the great leaders in the Judeo-Christian tradition makes some not-so-great choices and is called to task on what he has done. How does this story ring true with you? Have you made some not-so-great choices? Have you lifted up a leader only to be disappointed with his or her leadership? Where have you recognized God in times such as these? With hearts open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

\*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

#### **PRELUDE**

You, Lord, have been my hope

*John Stansell, organ  
Franz Tunder*

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

*Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 4*

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God of Challenge,

O God of Comfort,

May our time together today offer us opportunities for both.

May we be challenged in our thinking so that we  
never run the risk of becoming complacent.

May we find comfort in one another, in You  
and in the compassion we share.

Amen.

### **CONFESSING TO GOD**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We see a hurting world.

We see an environment that is struggling for balance.

We see people who are in need.

We see images of war that rip lives apart.

We see lost souls longing for connection.

Forgive us when we see these things and ask, “Where are you God?” Remind us that you are within us, empowering us to respond.

For, when we hear the beating of a heart, You remind us of life. When we hear the wind blowing, You remind us that we are a part of creation.

When we hear voices demanding justice and an end to war, You remind us that peace is possible.

When we hear the voice next to us, we know that we are connected to one another and to You.

God, awaken our senses to you. Remind us that we are a forgiven people so that we may carry this grace into the world. Hear us now as we pray together the prayer you have taught us.

### 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.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*John William Defusco and Alexander Paul Defusco, sons of Paige  
Alexandra Costigan-Defusco and Matthew Paul Defusco.*

## BAPTISMAL RESPONSE *Sung to the tune of Morning Has Broken*

*Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,  
showing an inward, spiritual grace.*

*Into God's family we have been welcomed,  
as sons and daughters, we take our place.*

*As the response begins, the children will go with Rosemary Lamie  
to the Undercroft for Summer Church School.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Lucinda Allen*

2 Samuel 11:26-12:10

**W**hen the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

### SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

*The Summer Choir*

God of Mercy, God of Grace

*Jerry F. Davidson*

God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill thy church with light divine,  
And thy saving health extend Unto earth's remotest end.

Let thy people praise thee, Lord; Be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their savior King;  
Let all be, below, above, One in joy and light and love.

*(Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847)*

### SECOND LESSON

*Pat Larrabee*

Galatians 2:15-21

**W**e ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

\*‡HYMN

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 319*

SERMON

**WWDD**

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty  
Maker of Heaven and Earth  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost  
Born of the Virgin Mary  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate  
Was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into Hell.  
On the Third day, he rose again from the dead  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost  
The holy catholic church  
The communion of saints  
The forgiveness of sins  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed*

\*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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Daniel B. England*

## CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Summer Choir,  
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano  
Richard Shephard*

#### The Secret of Christ

For a long time I have held my peace, but now I will speak.  
I will lead the blind in a way they know not,  
in paths that they have not known I will guide them,  
I will turn their darkness into light  
and I will not forsake them.

(Based on Isaiah 42: 14-16)

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,  
clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God,  
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,  
and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.

(Based on Revelation 22: 1-3)

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer  
with minds awake and thankful hearts,  
that we may share the secret of Christ  
with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,  
following in the steps of Jesus,  
our Master and our Friend. Amen.

(The Pilgrim Prayer, based on Colossians 4: 2-4, by the Rev. Canon  
Derrick Walters)

#### \*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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*New Century (black) Hymnal 547*

#### \*CLOSING SENTENCES

*Leader: God you are our comfort.*

**People:** Let us go forth to share this peace with one another.

*Leader: God You Challenge Us.*

**People:** We accept the challenge to care for the world, Your people,  
Your creation.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Processional (*Judas Maccabaesus*)

*George Frideric Handel*

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse are given in loving memory of Donald M. Freeman by his family.

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](http://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.

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## *Calendar*

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TODAY

### **Church School**

Today is the first Sunday of Summer Church School, a multi-age one room classroom of 4 through 10 year olds. Younger children are welcome in Child Care and older children are invited to come as helpers. We continue through the end of July except 4th of July weekend. Also, thank you to those of you who have signed up to teach Church School next year. We are getting closer to having full teaching teams but still have several vacancies. Please contact Rosemary Lamie to discuss this unique opportunity for ministry to our children.



## **Bible Study**

This week, at both Sunday at 11 and Tuesday night at 7:30, we will finish off the book of Revelation, or rather, it will finish off us and the rest of the world. No more heaven and earth but a new heaven and a new earth. It's been an adventure getting to this point but now heaven and redemption awaits us. Even if you missed all the rest, you're welcome to find out how the book and the Bible and, by the way, the church finally ends. After this week, we'll take a break until the fall when we'll take up the book of Exodus. Don't forget there are recordings of all the sessions on line and also on disk in the church office.

## **Parish Nurse**

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

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## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Avery Manchester will be preaching. His sermon is "Bound? or Free?"

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## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **Join the Summer Choir**

There's no weeknight rehearsal during the summer. Rather the choir meets 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." As much as is possible during this time of music-staff transition, scores for the next week's anthems will be found on the cabinet outside the Choir Room on the third floor, and learning files to help singers with their parts will be found on the website, [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org) under Music/Choir Learning Files.

### **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!

### **Summer Beach Services Begin Today**

These services begin at 8 am at Tod's Point every Sunday of the summer except August 1st. See our website, [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org), for more information.

### **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.

### **Nights Off**

Nights Off, the Women's Fellowship's evening group, will meet on Monday, June 21st, 6 p.m. at Greenwich Point in the picnic area on the path beyond the Chimes Building. Bring a beverage and a snack to share. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know other women church members. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the home of Lucy Hedrick, 29 Sound Beach Avenue. If you do not have a beach pass, or for more information, contact Karen Young at (203) 637-7877 or [klyct1@aol.com](mailto:klyct1@aol.com).

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## **First Congregational Church of Greenwich**

### **Church School Teaching Teams**

**2010-2011**

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**BABY NURSERY**

1. Mary Helen Morris
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. (HS)
6. (HS)

**TODDLER NURSERY**

1. Janette Hoekstra
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. (HS)Esther Hoekstra
6. (HS)  
Duly Chiapetta - Supervisor

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

1. Chris Schoen
2. Lori Romano
3. Jennifer McCue Pratt
4. Cheryl Manos
5. (HS)Emily Brash
6. (HS)Olivia Thalheim?

**FOUR-YEAR-OLDS**

1. Cara Olmsted
2. Jane Finch
3. Dianne Shrier
4. Peg Wentworth
5. (HS) Jenna Hascher
6. (HS)

As of June10, 2010

**KINDERGARTEN**

1. Fred & Nanette Laffan
2. Connie & Matthew VanRhyh
- 3.
- 4.
5. (HS)Avery Welch
6. (HS) Ingrid Thalheim

**FIRST GRADE**

1. Lindy & Randy Freeman
2. Cindy Fong
3. Christina & Michael Russell
4. Lisa Hudson
5. (HS) Gwen Pfetsch
6. (HS)

**SECOND GRADE**

1. Bonny Edwards
2. Colleen Alfano
- 3.
- 4.
5. (HS)Shaw Speer
6. (HS) Will Graham

**THIRD GRADE**

1. Kristin Taylor
2. Beth Press & Mark Mohn
3. Kellie Norrgard
4. Greg Kuppenheimer
5. (HS) Lindsey Hascher
6. (HS) Haley & Kelsey Norrgard

**FOURTH GRADE**

1. Marjorie Glover
2. Peter Gurciullo (Dec-June)
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- 4.
5. (HS)
6. (HS)

**FIFTH GRADE**

1. Peter Thalheim
2. Charles Ariyibi
- 3.
- 4.
5. (HS)
6. (HS)

**PASTORS' CLASS (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)**

1. Anne Pfetsch
2. Fred Lorthioir
3. Olga Hartwell
- 4.
5. (HS)Charlie Baird
6. (HS)Courtney Griffin

(HS) High School Student

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Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry: Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

Minister of Communication and Adult Education: Rev. Daniel B. England

Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music/Senior Organist: Dr. John Stansell

Interim Organist: Mark Swicegood

Director of Church School: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Stiers and Rev. Sally Colegrove