

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10 October 2010
10 o'clock in the morning



We welcome all who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join in our common life and mission through participation and leadership in the community of faith. We recognize each individual as a child of God, believing that we are called to be one body of Christ with many members.

As Christians and members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, we are a diverse group of people... open to an ever growing faith. We find strength in our unity in Christ "in whom all things hold together." (*Colossians 1:17*)

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Toccatina and Fugue in d minor

*Mark Swicegood, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach*

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Dr. David D. Young

MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITY

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION

O God, Whom We Praise

O God, whom we praise from morning till night,
Your grace fills our days as lustrous as light.
In joy or in sorrow we call on your name,
Today and tomorrow, as always the same.

We know without you our living is vain.
You give us a view of life that's humane,

Of growing and learning that never should cease,
Of working and yearning for justice and peace.

Our knowledge is frail. Your wisdom is pure.
Our scheming may fail. Your actions are sure.
Our striving can never our full hopes attain.
Your truth lasts forever, eternal your reign.

Now fit us for life in this time and place.
Calm all fear and strife and grant us the grace
To stand with our Savior, proclaiming to all,
By faith and behavior, response to your call.

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OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

O God of the narrow road,
whose way draws us towards that freedom
which is your spacious presence,
walk with us in this hour that the prayers
we speak might move beyond words and the songs we
sing might become our life's tune, for we would
journey this day in the company of Jesus the
Christ, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are a people who search for happiness O God of Blessing,
but you visit us with the stimulus
of a new challenge.
We are a people who long for certainty O God of Assurance,
but you prompt us with new ventures
which keep us searching.
We are a people who are on the move O God of Creation,
but you draw us to the place of stillness

where we may sense your presence.
Forgive us on this day of praise and gratitude for
confusing our desires with your will for our lives,
for we would walk again in the path
which Christ has shown us,
ever as we pray together,

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

Lucy Ann Bohannon, daughter of
Adrienne Ann & Patrick Thomas Bohannon

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE *Sung to the tune of Morning Has Broken*
Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness, has with clear
 blessings, washed sin away. Jordan's strong currents God's son
 announcing, made a beginning, baptismal day.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Phoebe Griffith

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM
Day by Day

*The Chancel Choir
David Howe*

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 66:1-12

Phoebe Griffith

To the leader. A Song. A Psalm.
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.'
Selah

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might for ever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
Selah

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

*‡HYMN

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

New Century (black) Hymnal 32

SERMON

Blessings for the Journey

Dr. David D. Young

(Last in the Series "Homelonging: the Heart's Re-turning")

RESPONDING TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's power will give us freedom
...from all fear of the future
...from all anxiety about tomorrow

...from all bitterness towards anyone
...from all cowardice in face of danger
...from all laziness in face of work
...from all failure before opportunity
...from all weakness when the Lord's strength is at hand.

We believe that God's spirit can fill us

...with Love that knows no barrier
...with Sympathy which reaches to all
...with Courage that cannot be shaken
...with Faith strong enough for darkness
...with Strength sufficient for our tasks
...with Loyalty to God's Kingdom's goal
...with Wisdom to meet life's complexities
...with Power to lift us to the Lord.

We believe that God is with us day by day and
that if we seek to do God's will, we will
be used for the glory of God's purposes.

Wallace Fridy (adapted)

***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.*

CALL TO PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Daniel B. England

PASTORAL PRAYER AND QUIET MEDITATION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

As Torrents in Summer

*The Chancel Choir
Sir Edward Elgar*

***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**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION

Now Thank We All Our God

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 29

*CLOSING SENTENCES

Leader: May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us

People: May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

Leader: May the shield of God defend us.

*May the host of God guard us against the
temptations of the world*

People: May Christ be with us,

Christ before us,

Christ in us,

And Christ over us.

Prayer of St. Patrick

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue

Healey Willan

The flowers in the Meetinghouse today are given in celebration of Lucy Ann Bohannon's baptism by her loving 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. 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.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today is a Big Event in the Daniels Center after everyone begins in worship. Classes resume next week as usual. There is a change in the schedule for the 5th graders' visit to Pilgrim Towers, which will now be on Sunday, October 24. Hope to see our families at the pumpkin carving segment of Wonderful Wednesday this week.

Blood Pressure Screening

Leslie Vandermeer, RN, is available to check blood pressures in room 203 following the Worship Service.

Youth Ministry

Because of Columbus Day Weekend, there will be no Youth Fellowship programs today. Our Y! programs will resume next week.

Volunteers for Blood Drive

During Coffee Hour today - Please sign up if you are able to help with refreshments for the upcoming blood drive on October 12. Details on the drive are below.

Women's Fellowship Annual Bulb Sale

The 2nd Annual Women's Fellowship Fall Bulb Sale continues today with pre-orders during coffee hour from 11am to noon. Pre-orders will continue each Sunday in October until the final sale day (and order pick-up) on Sunday October 24 from 11am to 1pm in the auditorium. Order forms are available at coffee hours and in the Church Office.

Bible Study

The Bible Study, which meets after church at 11:15 and on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, led by Dan England, is about to encounter the various plagues that befell Egypt. But don't worry, we're not going to dwell on them but, rather, concentrate on the Passover and the preparation for the crossing of the Red Sea (or Reed Sea, depending). Nor are we considering Exodus in isolation, but trying to understand parallels between this foundational book and the New Testament. Even more to the point, we're trying to discern, as always, what in the world all this has to do with our church and our lives. So make plans to join us -- we always have a lot more fun than you're supposed to at a Bible Study.

Greeters Needed!

If you can smile and say "Good morning" we need you to help us welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up to help at coffee hour. You'll be contacted by email with available dates. Please help. You'll be glad you did!

NEXT WEEK

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, October 12 here at FCCOG

This community blood drive, sponsored by Women's Fellowship and the Wellness Committee, runs from 1:30 to 6:30 pm. Please donate the Gift of Life or donate some prepared food. Devilled eggs, finger sandwiches, veggies, or baked goods are all appreciated. Blood donation appointments can be made by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Food contributions can be planned by calling Betsy Kreuter at 203-698-3016. There is also a sign-up sheet for refreshments at today's Coffee Hour and in the church office on weekdays.

Flu Vaccine Clinic – Sunday, October 17 in Room 203

9:30-10:00 am & 11:00 am-12 pm

The Wellness Committee will be offering seasonal flu vaccines (this year's formula includes H1N1). Vaccines will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis to people 18 years of age or older who

bring payment of \$30 cash or check (made out to FCCOG). We are unable to bill insurances, but we will happily provide a receipt. Individuals under 18 should see their primary physician for the vaccine.

International Mission Trip to Guatemala this February

The International Mission Team 2010 trip was such a success that we're planning a second trip to Antigua, Guatemala to volunteer again with Project Common Hope. If you share a commitment to international service as an expression of our faith, consider joining this Mission team. The trip will be from February 19th to 26th, 2011. We will build another home, and move one more family off of a mud floor. We'll take donated goods with us, and we will share the unique gifts of the people who travel with us. There are opportunities to teach, provide medical care and do other work in addition to building the home. We welcome new team members whether or not they are in a position to travel to Guatemala. We have many members who do not travel, but help with publicity, collecting donations, communications and logistics. We will need to confirm our flight reservations by mid November, so if you are interested, **come to our next meeting on Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 PM** at the home of Dana and Anne Lowe, 203 Shore Road, Old Greenwich and/or RSVP to kathyfraser1@gmail.com. This is primarily an adult trip, but teenagers traveling with their parents are welcome.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Annual Preschool Photo Fundraiser

Can't find time for a family portrait? Still looking for the perfect holiday card photo? Sign up today for the Annual First Congregational Church Preschool Photo Fundraising Event in beautiful Binney Park. 20 minute sessions are available with Greenwich photographer, Joseph Budzelek (www.josephbudzelekphotography.com).

Approximately 10-20 proofs per family, reasonable prices, convenient ordering and quick turnaround time. Dates are:

- Sunday, October 17
- Saturday, October 23
- Sunday, October 24
- Saturday, October 30

Signup sheets are available in the vestibule outside the preschool entrance. Please leave \$85 check payable to First Congregational Church Preschool in the marked box outside Libby White's office to hold your time slot.

(All proceeds of the \$85 sitting fee go directly to the preschool!)

Please call Dianne Shrier with questions at 203-698-8823.

Thank you for your continued support!

Interested in Learning about Joining the Church?

Our next New Member class will be held on Sunday, October 24, at 11:15 am in the Lounge. It will last approximately two hours and will include lunch. (Child care will be provided.) During the class, prospective new members have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our Congregational denomination, the United Church of Christ, and to learn more about our church and meet the clergy as well as staff. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. Please feel welcome to join us. We will receive new members on Sunday, November 7 during the 10am worship service. For questions or to indicate your interest in attending please contact David Young at dyoung@fccog.org or Ginny Breismeister at ginnyb@fccog.org.

Nights Off

Come join this evening Women's Fellowship group on Monday, October 18 at 6 pm in the church lounge and experience the "Getting to Know Your Church and Each Other" Treasure Hunt, followed by dessert at Rosemary Lamie's house. For more information, contact Karen Young at 203-637-7877 or klyct1@aol.com.

Welcoming Reception for Craig Symons

The Music Committee is holding a welcoming reception for Craig Symons, our new Music Director, on Saturday, October 30 between 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Please plan to join us.

Sunday Flowers in the Meetinghouse

Every Sunday flowers at the front of the Meetinghouse enhance our worship setting. These flowers are often given by members and friends to remember or to honor a family member, a friend, or someone special. Donating the flowers for a given Sunday is also an opportunity to mark a special date or to remember a special occasion – baptism, anniversary, confirmation, birthday, graduation, etc. If you would like to donate flowers or wish to know more about this opportunity, please contact Judy Gordon, Chair of the Chancel Committee at 203-637-8575 or by email at gordoog@aol.com.

Are You Into Photography?

From time to time (at events such as Homecoming) the church needs photographs taken for use on the website, in the Meetinghouse Monthly, and for other media. We could use more than one person for this important task. So, if you're looking for a way to show off your skills with a camera and help the church at the same time, contact Dan England at dengland@optonline.net. Thanks.

Tai Chi Classes with Luis Duarte

All are welcome! Improve your balance, health and well-being. Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on Wednesdays at 8 am and Thursdays at 9 am. Only \$7 per class if paid by the month and \$8 per class for “drop ins.” Join us! You'll love it!

Rummage Room News

Halloween: The "Best Little Costume Shop in Old Greenwich" opened Saturday, October 2, with costumes and decorations to fit any occasion. As you decorate for the holiday, please keep in mind The Rummage Room would love to receive your surplus of decorations and costumes as the need for restocking is a daily occurrence. There are outfits for everyone from the youngest to the oldest and the fun is in the mixing and matching. Don't miss the

opportunity to be the best-dressed goblin, ghost, witch or whatever suits your fancy ... and be sure you view the Halloween window because it is sure to put you in the mood for "trick or treat night."

Wish List For October: Besides Halloween items, we need double and single strollers, jewelry, shoes, handbags, small furniture, children's and adult clothing, bric-a-brac, musical instruments, and bikes for adults and children.

Rummage Room Hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. 10:00am to 1:00pm Saturday.

Donation Hours: 9:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:30am to 1:00pm Friday and Saturday.

Rummage Room Mission Statement: Proceeds go to Women and Children's Organizations locally, nationally and internationally to help support their many needs. The Rummage Room, co-chaired by Judy Miller and Judy Chapman, the Allocations Committee, chaired by Prill Meyer, and The Rummage Room manager, Maria Drieghe, all want to thank you for your continued support.

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: **Food Collection**

: A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel will remain in the back of
: the Meetinghouse throughout each month, to encourage month-
: round contributions.



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