

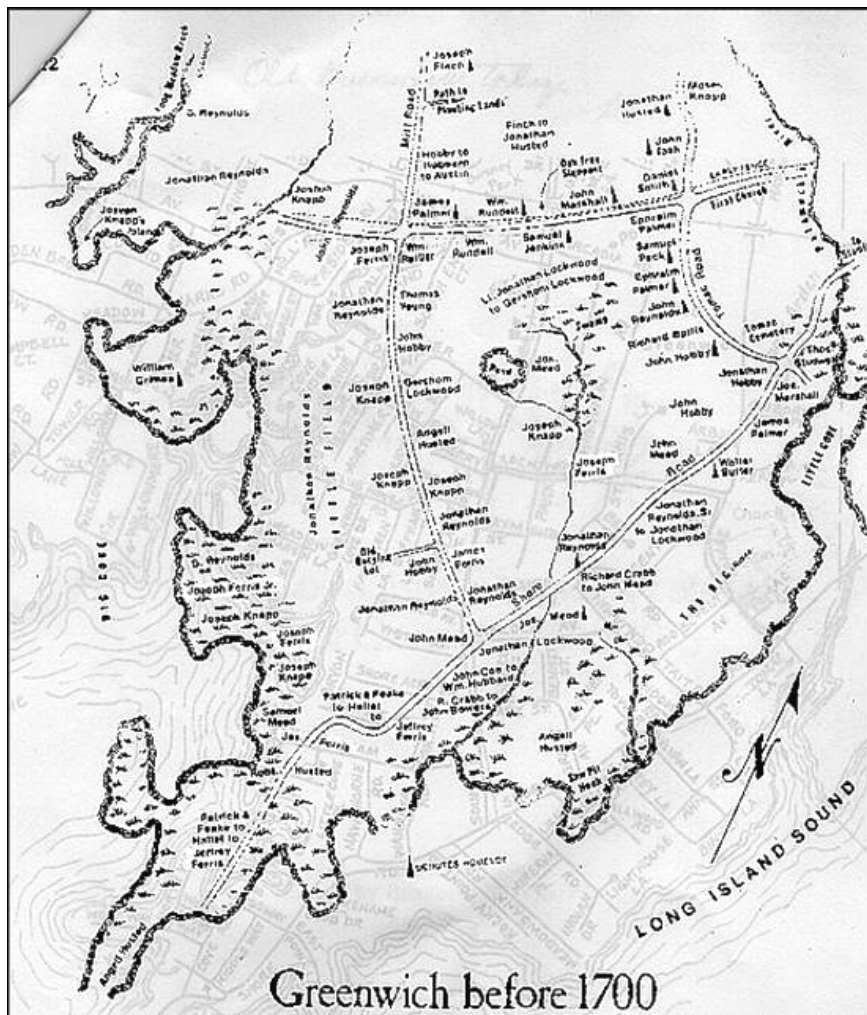
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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Heritage Sunday

29 May 2011

10 o'clock in the morning



**W**e welcome all of you to worship on this Heritage Sunday when we honor those who have been members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich for 50 years or more. These special friends have found here a personal relationship with God as well as with fellow members, and have faithfully served the missions and ministries of this congregation. It is also Memorial Day weekend when we remember those who have served in the military and given their lives for the values of our country. We are glad you are here to celebrate, reflect and pray with us this morning.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

#### **PRELUDE**

*Elegy*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*  
*George Thalben-Ball*

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rosemary Lamie*

#### **HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION**

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 440

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Leader: In the presence of the God whose word has called  
the worlds into being.*

*People: We stand in awe.*

*Leader: In the presence of the God whose arms have held  
all children.*

*People: We stand in trust.*

*Leader: In the presence of the God whose breath has stirred  
our hearts to thirst for love.*

*People: We stand in need.*

*Leader: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith – in search  
of love and truth and wholeness.*

*People: Be with us. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, who governs the nations with justice and mercy, accept our thanksgiving for this land in all its promise and chaos, failure and fulfillment, and hold in your steadfastness the sweep, height and hope that is America. Help us to honor those who have broken and cleared the way before us. Keep our hearts glad and grateful for the dead and the living who gave, and continue to give, their talent, service and life itself to the dream of this nation as sanctuary for the oppressed and the homeland of the free.

### TIME OF SILENCE

### 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.

### ‡CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Charlie Baird*

### Psalm 8

**O** Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

*The Lord is a Mighty God*

*The Summer Choir*

Felix Mendelssohn

SECOND LESSON

*Joe McBride*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

**F**or everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

\*‡HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower* New Century (black) Hymnal 433

SERMON:

*“Decoration Day”*

*Rev. Susan J. Murtha*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Rev. Dale Greene*

We believe in the God whose providence is  
the redeeming force and grace of our past, present and future.  
We believe in Christ who reveals God's will  
and reconciles us to our God and our own truest nature.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit who animates our lives  
and binds us to one another and to Christ church.  
We believe we are called, as individuals and as a community,  
to discern the service of our own season  
and to take up, faithfully, its costs and its joys. Amen.

\*GLORIA

New Century (black) Hymnal 759

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

CALL TO PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Summer Choir*

*How Shall I Sing That Majesty?*

J. R. Daniels

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

### \*CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION

*God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command*

New Century (black) Hymnal 592

### \*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

*Allegro from Sonata #2*

Felix Mendelssohn

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Catherine Penrose Lewis by her husband, Miller and her children: Rob, Sue and Laurie.

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.

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# Heritage Sunday

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich  
is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more*

1931

Carolyn Grant Colegrove

Dorothy Lenhart

Dorothy Dalenz Perna Robertson

1934

David Ficker

1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman

Gifford Reed

1936

Barbara George Crilley

Carolyn Wright Ashwell

1952

Dorothy Pidgursky

Barbara Van Buren

William C. Henry

E. William Fossum

1937

Robert Schroeder

Betty Sleath

1953

Selma Ash

John Denne

Claire Gisborne Henry

Diane Magness Andersen

Benito Menegon

1942

Barbara Firth Kneen

1943

Joyce Grossberndt Ferris

1954

Warner Finney

Caralliene Westbrook

1944

Jane Curtis Stratton Watts

1947

Robert Starr, Jr.

1955

Helen Hagner

Larry Haviland

Janet Dinwiddie

Ralph Vivian

1948

Nancy R. Hoffman

1949

Donald Freeman

Ruth Gisborne Reed

Florence Earl

1956

Lawrence Dickie

Virginia Liddel

Betsy Pearson

1950

Helen Grimm

Erling Andersen

Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels

1957

Tina Birkic

Emily Jostrand

Donna Magness Gargagliano  
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  
Janet Klingner  
Roland Klingner  
Carol Mawhinney  
Darlyne Sandreuter  
James Starkweather

Mary Starkweather  
Florence Stewart

**1960**

Marian Cordner  
William Cordner  
Dorothy Fisk  
Alexander Kulchuk  
Charlotte Schmidt-Fellner  
Nan Snyder  
Arthur Weigner  
Cathie Weigner  
Ronald Weigner

**1961**

Helen Anderson  
Patricia Schmitt  
Martha (Marti) Stisser  
C. Webb Williams  
Sallie Williams

*Calendar*

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**TODAY**

**Church School**

There are no Church School classes today. Next Sunday, our classes will prepare for Recognition Sunday which is June 12 when we will participate in worship, celebrate our children and thank our teachers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive their Bibles, too. Don't forget to sign-up for teaching next year on the easel at Coffee Hour.

**Youth Choir**

There is no Youth Choir rehearsal today.

**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.

**Bible Study**

There is no Bible Study class today.



## Youth Ministry

There is no JPF or SPF today.

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### THIS WEEK

#### Youth Sunday Rehearsal

There will be a Youth Sunday rehearsal for choir and other leadership on *June 4* from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

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### NEXT WEEK

#### Special Children's Choir for Church School Recognition

As we did for Palm Sunday, we will gather on *Saturday June 11* from 9:30-10:30 am in the Meetinghouse to rehearse a song that we can do for church the next day. We will sing a completely new song, so everyone will be learning it together. This will be for grades 3-6, including any 2nd graders who will be moving into 3rd grade in the fall.

#### History and Tradition – June 11

The Church Committee has been planning a Visioning process for our entire congregation in order to continue the long and strong legacy we have here at FCCOG. We will be having 3 church-wide gatherings to explore who we have been, who we wish to be and how we get there as a congregation. The first session, History & Tradition, will be held *Saturday, June 11* from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will begin gathering at 9:00 am for a continental breakfast and fellowship. Child care will be provided. Sign up during Coffee Hour or call the church office so that we know to expect you. A second session, called Visioning, will be held June 26 following worship and a third, Pathways, is still to be scheduled for the fall. Please join us on June 11. There will be additional information in the June Meetinghouse Monthly.

#### International Mission Team – School Supplies Needed by June 5

The International Mission Team is returning to Guatemala to build a home with Common Hope from June 12 to June 18. *“Common Hope promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala, partnering with children, families, and communities who want to participate in a process*

*of development to improve their lives through education, health care, and housing.*" - [Commonhope.org](http://Commonhope.org) mission statement. In addition to building a home, we will bring down school supplies. We will be collecting the school supplies in the church office and in the auditorium during coffee hour until June 5. Please help the children in Guatemala by donating the following needed items: **black/blue/red pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, glue bottles, 12-pack colored pencils, children's scissors, rulers, watercolors, scientific calculators, compasses, protractors. Please no notebooks, paper, or folders or other items needed at this time.** Any questions please call Kathy Fraser at 203-637-1060 or email her at [kathyfraser1@gmail.com](mailto:kathyfraser1@gmail.com).

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Summer Choir

Have you wanted a different view for the summer? Here is your chance to see things from a different perspective. Each Sunday morning from now until Labor Day, everyone is welcome to join *The Summer Choir!* Gathering at 9:00 am in the choir loft of the Meetinghouse, we will lift our voices in song as we learn new music that helps lead and inspire worship. No previous experience is necessary, but reading music certainly helps. And if you have college-age or other family members who are in town that have instrumental talents, we can certainly put them to work as well. Don't let your talents sit idle...use them to praise God on Sunday morning!  
**Note:** Youth Sunday is June 5 and the service will be led by The Youth Choir, so there will be no Summer Choir on that day

### News from The Rummage Room

June 1, 2011 begins a new fiscal year for The Rummage Room and Allocations Committees, both of which provide guidance and support for The Rummage Room operation. Many thanks to the outgoing co-chairs of The Rummage Room Committee, Judy Miller and Judy Chapman and past chair emeritus, Ginny Breismeister. The newly elected chair of The Rummage Room is Barbara Norrgard. New committee members are Beth Rollins, Helen Hallas and Lynda Elliott. Thanks also to the outgoing chair of The Allocation's Committee, Prill Myer. Newly elected Allocations chair

is Judy Miller. New committee members are Cynthia DeRiemer and Frosty Friedman.

**Manager Maria's Wish List:** Father's Day gifts and clothing; summer clothing; jewelry, handbags, shoes; bric-a-brac; small furniture; and outdoor furniture. Donations are accepted from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. The Rummage Room is open for shopping from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Have a good summer and remember that The Rummage Room is closed the month of August. Make a note on your calendar that Opening Day is Monday, August 29 at 10:00 am. Come early and see for yourselves why people say it's the best shopping day of the year! Have you ever found that some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pew, or on Opening Day when you reach for something you think is really nice and it disappears in the blink of an eye? Patience starts with a smile.

### **Food Collection**

A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse, so please contribute food each week. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery store visit will make a significant difference at Neighbor to Neighbor. Items currently in need are:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- 100% Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Peanut Butter (no larger than 28 oz., please)
- Jelly

If you've forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email [fccoghungermission@gmail.com](mailto:fccoghungermission@gmail.com) with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home and deliver to the Church for Neighbor to Neighbor.

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