

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

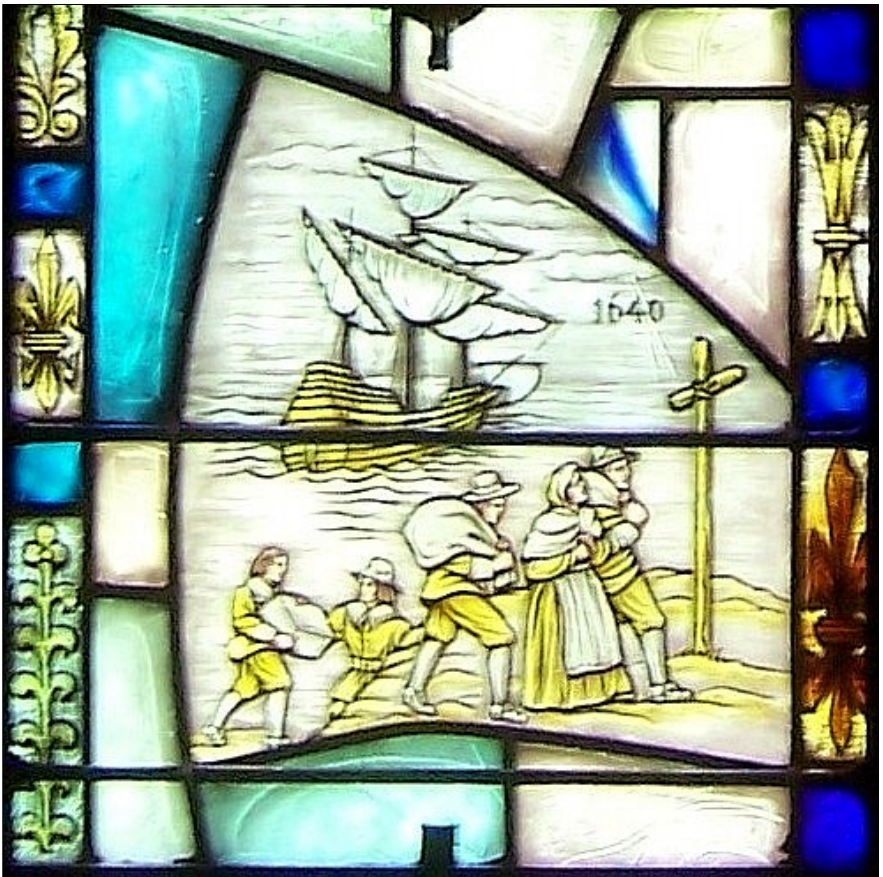
*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

17 July 2011

10 o'clock in the morning



*Celebrating Founders' Day*



**W**elcome to this service of worship at First Congregational Church of Greenwich. As we move through the summer season, may this hour of worship and praising God bring you rest, renewal, and perspective in your life.

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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**

*Prayer*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*

*Paul Creston*

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Dr. David D. Young*

**PROCLAMATION**

*Peter Tesei,  
First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich*

**PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*

New Century (black) Hymnal 423

**OPENING PRAYER**

Once more, O God,

we come from our several places and situations  
to the common ground  
of worship in your church.

We bring our past and our future,  
our weakness and our strength,  
indeed we bring all that we are for your direction.

Open our eyes and our spirits  
to see and receive you, we pray,  
and feed us with what will enable us  
more effectively to serve you,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONFESSING TO GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Lord, we would indeed see You and know You  
in every part of Your life and ministry among people.  
We would indeed hear You calling us,  
for we need to be won over again and again  
to Your church and Your kingdom.

Our spirits are willing;  
our hearts are in the right place;  
but the flesh is weak, and full of temptation.  
So enable us, Lord – cracked vessels though we be –  
and we shall mount up with wings as eagles,  
and run and not be weary,  
and walk and not faint!

In Your mercy, forgive our pasts,  
and redeem our futures, for Jesus' sake.  
And help us to always open  
ourselves to You, even as we pray...

#### 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

*Jean Watkins*

#### I Corinthians. 13:4-13

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

*Fear Not, O Land*

*The Summer Choir*

William H. Harris

### SECOND LESSON

#### Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like

one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

**\*‡HYMN**

*Be Still, My Soul*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 77

*(As the hymn begins, the Church School children will leave for Summer Church School with Rosemary. Weather permitting we will go to the Memory Garden. Otherwise, we will go to Room 104.)*

**SERMON: “Seeing Through a Telescope Partially”**

*Dr. David D. Young*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The world needs all of our power and love and energy,  
and each of us has something we can give.  
The trick is to find it and use it and give it away,  
so there will always be more.

We can be lights for each other,  
and through each other’s illumination we will see the way.  
Each of us is a seed, a silent promise, and it is always spring.”  
Let it be. Amen.

**\*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. Daniel B. England*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Tierce en Taille*

Francois Couperin

\*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

*God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 97

\*CLOSING SENTENCES

*Leader: Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee.*

*People: A humble heart that we may hear Thee.*

*Leader: A heart of love that we may serve Thee.*

*People: A heart of faith that we may live Thee.*

Dag Hammarskjöld

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*March*

*Vance Briceland, Craig Symons, pianists*

R. Morrison

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given by Pat and Tad Larrabee in loving memory of their parents and in thanks to all those who founded this church.

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](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.

## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### **Coffee Hour**

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the worship service. We will have colonial toys and games for the youngsters to play with. We will also have free copies of *"The First 300 Years,"* a book about the origins of our church, as well as a display of old photos and artifacts from our church's past. Fare thee well!

#### **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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## NEWS AND NOTICES



## **FCCOG Meets Social Media!**

FCCOG now has a new Facebook page. To check out the page, you can go through [fccog.org](http://fccog.org) or search for First Congregational Church of Greenwich in Facebook. Be sure to “like” us!

## **New Visioning Blog!**

The response to the Visioning sessions has been encouraging. The auditorium was packed, the comments were thoughtful and heartfelt, the ideas were fertile. If you were not able to participate or if you have had further thoughts about the vision for our Church, you can make comments or have further conversation on our new Visioning Blog (a blog is a web-log). Just go to <http://fccog.wordpress.com> (note the change of address from the MHM). Click on “Comment” to join the conversation!

## **Beach Services**

Beach services continue at 8:00 am each Sunday down at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). If the beach service is cancelled due to inclement weather, a notice in red will be posted on our website by 7:30 am and a white piece of paper will be taped to the sermon sign on the church lawn.

## **Tai Chi**

For the months of July and August Tai Chi classes will be held on Wednesday mornings only at 8:00 am in the Memory Garden, weather permitting. Come join us to enjoy the beauty of nature while you spend a relaxing, healthful hour with our wonderful instructor, Luis Duarte. You’ll feel calm and energized and you’ll be glad you did! The cost is \$10 per session for drop-ins.

## **Summer Work**

Need summer help? Need summer work? Do you have opportunities for yard work, child care, tutoring, errands, etc? Are you a high school or college student or even a recent graduate looking for work? Just contact Rosemary at 203-637-1791 ext. 20 or [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org) to be connected.

## **Become a Member of a Committee**

Where is your place at The First Congregational Church? Everyone has a gift for something. Everyone has a talent that can be shared.

Please consider volunteering for a committee starting in January 2012. The nominating committee is searching for a "few good men, and women" to become an integral part of the fabric of our church. Contact one of the pastors or Lynn O'Gorman, chair of the Nominating Committee, at 203-921-9247 or [laogorman@yahoo.com](mailto:laogorman@yahoo.com), to express your interest.

### **Flower Donations**

Flowers in the Meetinghouse on Sunday mornings are something we have all come to enjoy. These flowers not only beautify our sanctuary, but are given to honor very special people and occasions in our lives. The reasons for donating flowers are many. In addition to remembering a loved one, you can give flowers in celebration of marriages, anniversaries, baptisms, birthdays, congratulations, and thank you's. Donors can be an individual or a group. After the morning worship has concluded, the blooms are often delivered to shut-ins, hospitals or other facilities bringing beauty and community to those who cannot be physically present in church. If, however, you prefer to keep the flowers you have donated, please let us know and we will make arrangements for that. Please consider a Sunday when you would like to thank God and honor a special person or a special moment with a gift of flowers. For more information, please contact: Pat Geismar at 203-637-3597; [pat.geismar@gmail.com](mailto:pat.geismar@gmail.com) or Susan Murtha at 203-637-1791 x38; [smurtha@fccog.org](mailto:smurtha@fccog.org)

### **Summer Choir**

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!

### **News from The Rummage Room for July/August**

- Monday, July 18 through Saturday, July 23 – 50% Off Manager's choices.

- Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27 – Storewide 50% Off Sale.
- Thursday, July 28 through Saturday, July 30 – Bag Sales – everything must go!
- **Shop closes Saturday, July 30, 1:00 pm for the month of August.**
- **Reopening Day is Monday, August 29 at 10:00 am.**
- **Donations not accepted until Tuesday, August 30 at 9:30 am – Please do not leave donations when shop is closed!!!**

**Manager Maria's Last Minute Wish List:** A double stroller; a small bookcase; baseball cards; a car rooftop carrier.

*“When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities!”*

### **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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Associate Pastor for Christian Education: Rev. Susan J. Murtha

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Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Church School: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Director of Publications: Barbara Wilkov

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

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

Director of Music Emeritus: Dr. John Stansell