

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**2 October 2011**

10 o'clock in the morning





**W**ELCOME to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church. Today is World Communion Sunday when we share with Christians the world round in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We hope that visitors will feel the openness and welcome we share as we come to Christ's table, for it is Christ who extends the invitation to all who seek in their life the renewing and energizing reality of his presence. May this be a time of wider awareness, rededication and renewal for all of us.

*Let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way ... and run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.*

Hebrews 12:1-2

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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**

*Arabesque*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*  
Louis Vierne

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 35

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

We come before you this morning,  
O God, with hearts waiting to be  
filled with your presence and love.  
Grant that we may be receptive  
to all of your gifts this day

as you would pour them  
out to us in the way that is  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CONFESSING TO GOD**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and state as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ's love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the wine of the new covenant. Hear us now 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.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

*Daniel Lepoutre*

### 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

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

*The Youth Choir*

Allen Pote

SECOND LESSON

*Pat Larrabee*

### Matthew 5:43-48

“**Y**ou have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor  
and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of  
your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on  
the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.  
For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do

not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

\*‡HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

New Century (black) Hymnal 473

*(As the hymn begins, the Church School children and teachers will leave for their classrooms. Children in second grade and older will leave independently. Children in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers at the back of the Meetinghouse (narthex) and will go to their classrooms as a group.)*

SERMON: “*Tasting Completeness*”

*Dr. David D. Young*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Eternal Spirit,

Who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and

Who bestows upon us the Holy Spirit.

God calls us into the church

to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be servants in the service of the whole human family,

to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the  
powers of evil,

to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,

to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel,

forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage  
in the struggle

for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit

in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom  
which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen

From the *U.C.C. Statement of Faith*

**\*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 OFFERING** *Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *The Chancel Choir*  
*Jesus Said Unto the People* John Stainer

**\*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**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** *The Chancel Choir Quartet*  
*O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* John Goss

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**  
*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*  
New Century (black) Hymnal 347





- **John Goss (1800-1880):** Goss was an English organist/composer who became the organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1838. His most familiar hymn is *Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven*.
- **Douglas Wagner (b. 1952):** Wagner is from Chicago, IL and is a famous composer of sacred music with over 2400 titles composed since 1973 and over 14 million copies sold to date.

*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

Music by:

The Chancel Choir

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* by David Willcocks

*Toccata of Praise* by Joseph Martin

Dr. David D. Young, preaching

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**5:00 pm LINC Worship Service – Auditorium**

Come as you are and bring all your friends  
to this new worship service!

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery, preaching

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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**

#### **Church School**

Most of our classes will continue the story of Jacob and Esau and their continuing sibling rivalry. There are many lessons to be learned from the struggle between these two brothers. Parents may want to ask their children which lesson they learned today. The third graders will learn about the Book of Genesis. Pastor's class will remain in worship for World Communion Sunday. See "Next Week" below for information about a "Big Event" scheduled for Church School next Sunday.

#### **Youth and Cherub Choir Rehearsals**

Youth Choir will rehearse today for a ½ hour from 11:15 to 11:45 am in the Choir Room and Cherub Choir will rehearse from 11:15 to 11:45 am in Room 104.

#### **Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study today at 11:20 am in the Lounge as we continue the exploration of "John."

#### **LINC, Our New Additional Worship Service**

Join us today at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium for our new LINC Service. Come in your jeans and t-shirt and experience something completely new. Mark Montgomery will be leading the service.

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### **THIS WEEK**

### **First Music and Arts**

First Music and Arts, our new concert series, will kick off the season on *Friday evening, October 7*, at 8:00 pm with a recital of *Organ PLUS!* Our own organist, Craig Scott Symons, will join with local musical colleagues in an enjoyable evening of music for organ and other instruments, including English horn, piano, voice, cello, flute, trumpet, and trombone. All performances in the series are free, with a free-will offering to help continue this important outreach, and the public is encouraged to attend. We have a great opportunity to share the gift of music with the surrounding community, so please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive – Saturday, October 8**

This community blood drive, sponsored by Women's Fellowship and the Wellness Committee, runs from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please donate the *Gift of Life* or donate some prepared food. Deviled 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 signing up at Coffee Hour today, or in the reception area during the week, or by calling Betsy Kreuter at 203-698-3016. Thank you in advance for being a blessing to our community and beyond.

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### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Church School**

Next Sunday, *October 9* is a "Big Event" Sunday in Church School. After beginning in worship, our children ages 4 - 10 will go to the Daniels Center with Rosemary and her helpers for a multi-age program. Children 11 and older are invited to be helpers with our younger ones.

#### **Flu Vaccines – Sunday, October 9**

The Wellness Committee is offering seasonal flu vaccines after the 10:00 am Worship Service (from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm) and after the 5:00 pm LINC Worship Service (from 6:00 to 6:30 pm). Please bring \$30 cash or check made out to FCCOG. Vaccines will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis to people 18 years of age or older. We are unable to bill insurances, but we can provide a

receipt. Individuals under 18 should see their primary physician for the vaccine. Please call Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse, at extension 21 with any questions.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Interested in Learning about Joining the Church?**

Our next New Member class will be held on *Sunday, October 23* 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 6 during the 10:00 am Worship Service. For questions or to indicate your interest in attending please contact David Young at [dyoung@fccog.org](mailto:dyoung@fccog.org) or Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org).

### **New Website Delayed**

The launch of the newly designed FCCOG website has been delayed for a couple of weeks due to technical issues. Once it is ready to be launched we will let you know so that you can check it out.

### **New Emergency Response Mission Team**

In the wake of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene, we would like to put together a new Emergency Response Mission Team for the future. If you are interested in becoming a member of this new mission team, please contact David Young for more information.

### **Tai Chi Classes with Luis Duarte: Thursday Classes Resume!**

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 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$7 per class if paid by the month, and \$8 per class for “drop ins.” Join us! You’ll love it! **All are welcome!**

## Have You “Liked” FCCOG’s Facebook Page Yet?

Tell all your friends...FCCOG is on Facebook! Please check out our page either by going through [fccog.org](http://fccog.org) or search for “First Congregational Church of Greenwich” on Facebook. Be sure to “like” us to stay up to date with all the exciting happenings here at FCCOG!

## News from The Rummage Room

**October Reminder:** The “*Best Little Halloween Shop in Old Greenwich*” will open tomorrow, **October 3** at 10:00 am with costumes and decorations to fit all your little ghosts, pirates, princesses, or whatever your little goblins choose to be. The shop has all the decorations you will need for your house, your front door and your yard; and costumes and masks for all the adults in the household too. Come and create your own costumes whether you want to be beautiful and handsome or scary and spooky!

**Manager Maria’s Wish List for October:** Halloween costumes and other items, as we have constant turnover; strollers; bikes for all ages; and small furniture.

Proceeds go to women and children’s organizations to help with their many needs. These are critical times so the more you shop and the more you donate the more funds the Allocations Committee has to distribute. The Rummage Room thanks you for your continued support. *And remember...bring the children to see the award-winning Halloween windows!*

## 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.



First Congregational Church of *Greenwich*  
**Church School Teaching Teams**  
**2011-2012**

<p><b>Baby Nursery</b>  <b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Mary Helen Morris  Chris Collins  Michelle Young  James DeFazio (HS)  Olivia Hartwell (HS)  Melanie Pfetsch (HS)</p>	<p><b>Kindergarten</b>  <i>Need One Adult</i></p> <p>Peg Wentworth  Fred &amp; Nanette Laffan  Kelly Phillips  Jenn Whitehill (HS)  Jenna Hascher (HS)</p>	<p><b>Fourth Grade</b>  <i>Need One HS Teacher</i></p> <p>Emily Ziac  Marjorie Glover  Paula &amp; Brian Mickley  Bert Pulitzer (after 11/1)  Kim Rogers (HS)  Kellie Norrgard (Jan. on)</p>
<p><b>Toddler Nursery</b>  <b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Duly Chiappetta –  Supervisor  Dianne Shrier  Larry Haviland  Erlinda Haviland  Colin Ingraham (HS)  Trevor Ingraham (HS)</p>	<p><b>First Grade</b>  <i>Need One Adult and  One HS Teacher</i></p> <p>Sarah Schneider  Connie VanRhyn  Greg Kuppenheimer  Shira Rieke (HS)</p>	<p><b>Fifth Grade</b>  <i>Need Two HS Teachers</i></p> <p>Lindy Freeman  Randy Freeman  Anne Pfetsch  Barbara Fortunato</p>
<p><b>Three-Year-Olds</b>  <i>Need One Adult</i></p> <p>Chris Schoen  Susan Heidere Simko  Jennifer Benoit  Jessie Vissicchio (HS)  James Graham (HS)</p>	<p><b>Second Grade</b>  <i>Need Two Adults</i></p> <p>Pamela &amp; Richard Riggs  Linnea Stenberg  Gwen Pfetsch (HS)  Liz Morris (HS)</p>	<p><b>Sixth Grade</b>  <i>Need One Adult and  One HS Teacher</i></p> <p>Beth Press &amp; Mark  Mohn  Peter Thalheim</p>
<p><b>Four-Year-Olds</b>  <i>Need One HS Teacher</i></p> <p>Cheryl Manos  Jennifer McCue Pratt  Elizabeth Schrohe  Mike Simko  Maddie Graham (HS)</p> <p>As of Sept. 20, 2011</p>	<p><b>Third Grade</b>  <b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Colleen Alfano  David Alfano  Lori Romano  Cara Olmsted  Shaw Speer (HS)  Will Graham (HS)</p>	<p><b>Seventh &amp; Eighth  Grade</b>  <b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Mark Montgomery  Fred Lorthioir  Olga Hartwell  Charlie Baird</p>

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Director of Church School: Rosemary Lamie

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