

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Founders Day

17 July 2016

10 o'clock in the morning



Who ARE
you?

So on May 11, 1665 at a meeting of the General Court in Hartford with Governor Winthrop presiding, Greenwich was granted a charter:

“Upon ye motion and desire of ye people of Greenwich this court doth declare that Greenwich shalbe a Township intire of itself provided they procure and maintaine an Orthodox minister and in the meane time and until yt be effected they are to attend ye ministry at Stamford and contribute proportionably with Stamford to ye maintenance of the ministry there.”

The First Three Hundred Years –
The History of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT

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 warmly welcome you to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the Memory Garden, where historical items from the church will be displayed in honor of Founders Day.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE
Pavane

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist
Paul Drayton (b. 1944)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Meghan D. Young

Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your pew.

PROCLAMATION

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God anointed Jesus to console the afflicted.

People: Come, let us worship Christ our Comforter!

Leader: God anointed Jesus to emancipate the enslaved.

People: Come, let us worship Christ our Liberator!

Leader: God anointed Jesus to bind up the wounded.

People: Come, let us worship Christ our Healer!

Leader: God anointed Jesus to deliver the troubled.

People: Come, let us worship Christ our Savior.

CHORAL INTROIT

*** HYMN**

In the Midst of New Dimensions New Century (black) Hymnal 391

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

There are days when we proclaim you a pest,
constantly prodding us to reach out to others.
There are days when we say you are a fool,
to imagine we might take up crosses to follow you.
There are days when we lament you as Broken Heart,
as your world grows more violent, more hurtful, more hateful.
So, this day, let us start over and simply say you are
our Hope,
our Peace,
our Comfort,
our Guide,
our Joy,
our God in Community, Holy in One,
to whom we pray as we have been taught,

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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, children will leave with Rosemary for Church School – Summer Faith.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Olga Hartwell

Genesis 2:18-20a

(This reading is part of the second creation account in scripture. God creates human, and then creates companions. The human's first task is to name each living thing, indicating relationship. What does it mean for us to be named and name others?)

ANTHEM

Let the Same Mind Be in You

The Summer Choir
Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death; even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

(Jesus has begun his ministry. Word of him has spread, rumors are flying. And so, he turns to his disciples and asks what those closest to him call him. Are his disciples able to see who he truly is and utter his name aloud?)

SERMON

Say My Name

Rev. Meghan D. Young

HYMN

Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling

(Printed in Bulletin)

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Phil Bradford

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

Arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

***DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN**

The Church of Christ,
in Every Age

New Century (black)
Hymnal 306

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C

David Lasky (b. 1957)

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Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling

Words and music by Thew Elliot

1. Spir - it, I have heard you call - ing, like a
2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I
3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing from cre - a - tion's
hear you call my name. Now I speak the words you
spoke and set me free, I have yearned for this com -

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

mo - ment, seek - ing voice from deep with - in. I have
give me, now I feed cre - a - tion's flame. You are
mu - nion, for your fire in - side of me! Now your

The third system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

heard you in my long - ing. I have
 speak - ing through my long - ing. You are
 love de - fines my long - ing. Now your

heard you in my pain. Now I feel you mov-ing
 speak - ing through my pain. Now I feel you mov-ing
 love shines through my pain. Now we dance in end-less

in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.
 in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.
 un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name!

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed.

We also now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where the parents can be comfortable and still be part of worship.

Please see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations. Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday for babies through 4 years old.

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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Church School – “Bible Stories at the Beach” & “Summer Faith”
“Summer Faith” is a multi-age program during the **10 a.m. worship**, for children ages 5-10. Children 3 and 4 years old are welcome in child care or in Summer Faith depending on the number and ages of children. For safety considerations, we need to be mindful of the age range of children together. We also need to have two adults with each group at all times. Volunteers are welcome to check with Rosemary to see if there is a need. We look forward to seeing your children anytime during the summer that they can be here! Also, at **8 a.m. at Greenwich Point**, right outside the Innis Arden Cottage, you will find children of all ages singing, hearing bible stories, playing games with the parachute and learning to appreciate God's creation as part of “First Church Bible Stories at the Beach” summer program. Very young children are welcome to join in if they have an adult or teen companion so that we have one to one coverage for children under the age of 4. Upcoming sessions are: July 24, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, and

Sept 4. August 7 will be especially enlightening because our resident marine biologist, church member Susie Baker, will be sharing the amazing wonders of God's creation on the shore of Long Island Sound.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following worship in the Memory Garden during Community Hour. During the week, she is available by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 21.

News from The Rummage Room 191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, July 17: See 50% off sale of selected items at www.fccog.org/about-us/therummageroom/.

Friday, July 22: Early Closing @ 3:00 pm

Monday, July 25, Tues. July 26, Wed. July 27 – Everything in the shop 50% off.

Please: No more donations until Tuesday, August 23!

THE RUMMAGE ROOM'S FAMOUS BAG SALES

* Thursday, July 28 – All You Can Jam in a Bag: \$1

* Friday, July 29 – All You Can Stuff in a Bag: \$8

* Saturday, July 30 – All You Can Stash in a Bag: \$1

The Rummage Room closes Saturday, July 30 at 1:00 pm.

The Rummage Room reopens for the 52nd Grand Reopening on Monday, August 22 at 10:00 am.

“Lord, help us remember: Hatred paralyses life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; Love harmonizes it; Hatred darkens life, Love illuminates it.”--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Women's Fellowship & Spirituality: Nights Off

Nights off will meet at the Beach at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 18th (we will not meet in August). Please bring an appetizer to share and what ever you want to drink. Directions: Go around the point and use the second parking lot. Walk down the path on the right and we will be at one of the picnic tables. We will NOT meet if there is bad weather. If you do not have a beach pass, please call the church office and we will arrange carpooling from the church parking lot.

Summer Sings

Come as you are from 7:30-9:30 on the Wednesday evening listed below and, within two hours, we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of great choral music.

Music will be provided. Hospitality, refreshments, and fun are all included! No sign-up necessary, just come ready to sing. Donation of \$10 per person.

Wednesday, August 3 — An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan

Eric Peterson, conductor, Dorothy Kolinsky, accompanist

Wednesday, August 31 — The BEST Anthems in the World!

Craig Scott Symons, conductor, Mark Swicegood, accompanist

Calling all Poets, Artists, and Musicians of ALL ages!

This summer we are hoping to incorporate the poetry, art, and musical gifts of our church and local community at our Beach Services. If you are interested in participating, please email Meghan Young at MeghanY@fccog.org.

Summer Choir – All Welcome!

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, starting at **9:00 am in the Meetinghouse** for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that morning. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 22).



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