

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

28 August 2016

10 o'clock in the morning



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.



Welcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this beautiful Sunday morning! Please join us after the service for refreshments and conversation during Community Hour in the Memory Garden.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

A.W. Leopold (1868-1940)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.
(Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your pew.)

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Meghan D. Young

Leader: We come this morning to worship together;

People: Different people, different lives, different histories,

Leader: Yet we are all children of the same God,

People: Created lovingly by the Source of life.

Leader: Different people, different lives, different histories

People: Yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All Let us worship God.

CHORAL INTROIT

*** HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 260

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

O God, you are like a weaver in our lives. Out of the expanding energy of creation you have spun each of us into a unique, colorful strand with our own special hue and texture. You have woven us together into a single family that blankets the globe. We admit that we have sometimes, knowingly and unknowingly, rent the fabric of your design. We have allowed ourselves to be bound by the narrow contexts of age, race and class. Open our hearts so that we may once again celebrate the wonder of the human fabric and dignity of all. This we ask in the name of Christ who prayed "that we all may be one. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Barbara Norrgard

Psalm 112

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures forever. Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on his adversaries. He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked man comes to naught.

--Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Lead Gently, Lord

The Summer Choir
Clif Cason (b. 1956)

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak;
That I may turn my face through doubt's obscurity
Toward thine abiding-place, e'en tho' I cannot see.
For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
Save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.
Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall;
I know not where to go unless I hear thy call.
My fainting soul doth yearn for thy green hills afar;
So let thy mercy burn - my greater, guiding star!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath when he went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him. Now, he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

--Revised Standard Version

SERMON

Do You Have Class?

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

O Holy City, Seen of John

New Century (black) Hymnal 613

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Pam Grunow

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Cantilene

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*** 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**

Christ Will Come Again

New Century (black) Hymnal 608

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

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.

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.

Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday for babies through 4 years old.

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. Also, at 8 a.m. at Greenwich Point, between the Innis Arden Cottage and the Susie Baker Pavilion, there is a children's program - “Bible Stories at the Beach”. The last session will be September 4.

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

The Grand Reopening on August 22nd was a tremendous success as measured by the happy crowds who shopped on Reopening Day and the remainder of the week! The Rummage Room's Reopening generated \$9,667. Proceeds will go to organizations who help women and children's causes at home and throughout the world. We seldom stop to think how our lives are entwined with those who need our help. Thanks to all for your support year after year.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Jewelry; men's ties; chess set

Shopping hours: Mon-Fri 10:00-5:00 & Sat 10:00-1:00.

Donor Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30-4:30 & Fri-Sat 9:30-12:30.

Thought: It is said that those who scramble for bargain-counter happiness live two life times because they are afraid they might miss a sale at The Rummage Room! It is also said that what we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.

Summer Sings

Come as you are from 7:30-9:30 on Wednesday, August 31 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 31 — The BEST Anthems in the World!

Craig Scott Symons, conductor, Mark Swicegood, accompanist

Summer Choir – All Are 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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