

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*  
*Founded in 1665*

**World Communion Sunday**  
**2 October 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 auditorium.

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**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

**PRELUDE**  
Prelude in C

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist  
Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl

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

**PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord!

**People:** Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Leader:** Praise God in the sanctuary of the faithful!

**People:** Let us make melody to God with keyboard and voice!

**Leader:** Let us Praise God with dancing and drums!

**All:** This is the day that God as made! Let us rejoice and be glad!

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\* HYMN**

Let Us Talents &  
Tongues Employ

New Century  
(black) Hymnal 347

**GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Holy One,  
through the call of birds  
in the early morning dawn,  
we hear your voice singing today.  
Through the rhythm of the seasons,  
the ebb and flow of the tide,  
we feel your melody.  
From dawn until dusk,  
your heartbeat harmonizes the universe  
and births music in our hearts  
stirring us to sing a new song:  
a song of abundance, a song of hope,  
the song of life.  
For this, and so much more we offer you our thanksgiving  
and praise.  
Amen.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

Enid Norris

**Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his  
surpassing greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with drums and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing  
cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

--New Revised Standard Version

## SECOND LESSON

### Exodus 15: 19-20

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a drum in her hand; and all the women went out after her with drums and with dancing.

--New Revised Standard Version

### HOMILY

The Heartbeat of God

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl

### DRUMMING DEMONSTRATION

Ben Paulding

(All children are invited to come forward at this time.)

### DRUMMING FORWARD TOGETHER

The Confirmation Class

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

**Leader:** We are all on a unique journey of faith and life. The first sound we recognize on this journey is the beat of our mother's heart.

**People:** For the guides who have lead us, for the bread that sustains us, and for the heartbeat of God that intertwines us, we offer thanks and praise, O God.

**Leader:** We pray for those whose journey ends mere moments after it has begun.

**People:** We pray for those who do not have the strength to carry on.

**Leader:** We pray for those whose path is marked by poverty, pain, restlessness, and sorrow.

**People:** We pray they can find the heartbeat of the living God, and rise up with joy to continue the journey.

**Leader:** Our paths lead us into tomorrows that we simply cannot imagine. O God, lead our children, and these confirmands, on fruitful path guided by your love.

**People:** Help us to shape their journey.

**Leader:** Let us build pathways where beauty is sustained, where questions are welcomed, where doubt and confusion are wrestled with. O God, we know that we do not walk this journey alone.

**People:** Let our community be the heartbeat of God calling these precious children home.

**Leader:** All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who illuminates our path and whose heart beat for the justice of all on this earth. Together we pray the prayer Jesus himself taught us to pray saying...

## **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**

Mary Fike

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Kyrie Eleison (from Solemn Mass)

The Chancel Choir

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

### **\* DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(In celebration of World Communion Sunday we are featuring breads from around the world. Please choose whatever bread you like and partake as you receive it. In addition, one of the deacons will have a tray of gluten-free bread. If you desire this option, please raise your hand and you will be served. Please hold your juice cup until the entire congregation has been served. Then, at the minister's invitation, we will all partake together.)

### **SOLO**

Come Sunday

Carol Woodman, soprano  
Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

## **UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude,  
for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out**

**to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

### **\* HYMN**

Siyahamba

New Century (black) Hymnal 526

### **\* BENEDICTION**

### **\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

### **POSTLUDE**

Maestoso

Julius Andre (1808-1880)

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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.

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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](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.

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

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

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### **About Today's Service**

Ben Paulding is an American percussionist who extensively lived in Kumasi, Ghana, drumming on national television for the Ghanaian President and the country's top traditional chiefs and queen-mothers. In West Africa, Ben had over 200 performances with internationally acclaimed drum and dance ensembles including the Centre for National Culture, the Ashanti King's Fontomfrom Ensemble, and the Nsuase Kete Group. Ben currently lives in Boston where he directs the Fafali Ghanaian music ensemble at Brandeis University, and serves as Drum Leader for David Locke and Attah Poku's Agbekor Drum and Dance Society.

### **Introducing our Confirmation Class of 2016-17**

William Goggins  
Will Grunow  
Maggie Jacoby  
Mariel Laffan  
James Mair

Lauren Mickley  
Elizabeth Mohn  
JQ Norrgard  
Emma Olmsted  
Taylor Pratt  
Ben Schinto  
Kendall Schrohe  
Catherine Ziac

### **Church School**

We have included all our children in worship today but child care is open for the 3- and 4-year-olds who may not be happy staying in church for the whole service. Feel free to have them join child care at any point in the service when either you or they need to! Today is a special service of introduction of the confirmation class and it is World Communion Sunday. Everyone is invited to take Communion and it is the parents' decision as to whether or not you want your child(ren) to participate. Next week we will continue our Rotation Workshops is on the story of Jacob and Esau found in Genesis 25:29-34 and 27:1-46. Please also note that the Family Faith Breakfast on Sunday, October 16 will be in the Daniels Center from 9-10 am. RSVP on the church website homepage. Everyone is invited!

### **Children's and Youth Choir**

Rehearsals begin **today** for Children's and Youth Choirs. After the service today, rehearsals will begin for all children and youth interested in joining these two choirs. For Children's Choir, those in grades 3-6 will meet upstairs on the 3rd floor, near the choir room from 11:15-12:00. For Youth Choir, those in grades 7-12 will meet in the sanctuary from 11:15-12:15.

There's no commitment to be involved for the entire season, although everyone certainly will benefit greatly as great relationships are created through the work done in each rehearsal. We encourage everyone to check it out! If you have any questions, ask Craig or Carolyn.



## **Interested in Learning About Joining First Church?**

Our next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 11:20 am in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately an hour and a half and will include lunch. During the class, prospective new members will have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and our church. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. New members will then be received on Sunday, October 23rd. Child care will be provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us. If you are planning to attend, or you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) or 203 637-1791 x 26 to attend, or you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) or 203 637-1791 x 26.

### **Parish Nurse**

Betsy Kreuter will be available for blood pressure screenings following worship service during Community Hour. During the week, Sue Asselin, RN, is available by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 21.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The FCCOG Wellness Committee is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 5 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Blood donors are very much appreciated and appointments can be booked by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Thank you for reaching out and being God's hands by helping others.

### **Caring Ministries**

Are you interested in being a part of this ministry by:

- donating a quart of soup whenever you have extra;
- knitting prayer shawls,
- sending cards,

- being a pen pal for the elderly or shut-ins, or
- being part of the prayer chain?

If so contact Mary-Ann Assing at 203-532-0082 or maryannassing@gmail.com !

## **Caregiver Support Group**

The Caregiver Support group convenes on the second Sunday of the month. The next group will meet on Sunday, October 9th at 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the Binney Conference room.

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

**Monday, October 3:** See Manager Leanne's 50% off sale Items for this week at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/) .

**Monday, October 3:** The "Best Little Halloween Shop in Old Greenwich" opens at 10:00 with costumes for all your little ghosts and goblins and your big ghosts, pirates and princesses. There are decorations for inside your house, the front door, and your yard as well. Don't miss the fabulous Halloween windows decorated by Leanne Meyer and Nancy Hamilton!

**Wish List for the week:** Items and decorations for Thanksgiving; ladies blouses; jewelry; Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys books.

**Shop Hours:** 10:00 - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday & 10:00 - 1:00 pm on Saturday.

**Donations:** 9:30 - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday & 9:30 - 12:30 pm Friday & Saturday.

**Thoughts About Bullying:** "The melting pot; the land of the free; the diversity we are so proud of makes bullying impossible to stop. Because it isn't about the victim, it's about the Bully. Bullies are broken too." --Valentina Ruiz-Jimenez

## **Pizza, Pumpkins, & Play**

"Pizza, Pumpkins, and Play" returns on Saturday, October 22, from 5 – 8 PM. Pizza truck by the Dough Girls! Pumpkin carving and

decorating - better tools this year! And some fun activities outside and in the tent! More details to come but put this family event on your calendar now.

### **First Church Preschool Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment for the Preschool's 2017 – 2018 school year will be held during the month of October 2016. Active members of FCCOG receive priority placement for their children within the Preschool's programming, and children or grandchildren of FCCOG members receive a 10% discount off tuition fees.

To be put on the Preschool's mailing list to receive more information about programming, learn how to apply, and/or schedule a tour of the Preschool, Contact Darla Steiner, Director, at 203-637-5430 or email [darlak@fccog.org](mailto:darlak@fccog.org).

### **Hats Off**

Hats Off has chosen its second reading for the season: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Eric Larson. This exciting account of the Lusitania's last voyage, told from multiple perspectives, is a provocative look at World War I, both at home and abroad. Please obtain your copy from the Greenwich Library. We meet on Thursdays from 10-11:30 in the Binney Conference Room.



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