

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

22 January 2017

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 this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Sunday morning. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the Auditorium.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G major

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kendall Schroe

Leader: Holy is your name, Father in heaven!

People: We come to worship today longing for your kingdom come.

Leader: What is your will in our lives, in our world?

**All: In this hour of worship, enlighten us with your Word,
inspire us with stirring songs,
enfold us with your community,
embrace us with a vision so strong
that we will go from here with good news for all people.
Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*** HYMN**

Lord of Hopefulness

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 217

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Loving Creator
we honor you,
and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the whole world
in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power,
the only home, the only honor we need,
in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

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, Kindergarten & 1st graders will leave for class in the Daniels Center. 2nd graders will be in the Red Door. 4th and 5th grades will be in the Green Door. "678" will take place in the Binney Conference Room.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Olga Hartwell

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

--New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

I Dream a World

The Chancel Choir
Andre Thomas (b. 1952)

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind—
Of such I dream, my world!

--Lyrics by Langston Hughes

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6: 5-14

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their

reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

--New Revised Standard Version

SERMON

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

I Need Thee Every Hour

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 342

PASTORAL PRAYER

Avery Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Joe McBride

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet

The Chancel Choir
Robert Ray (b. 1947)
Drew Seigla, tenor

I will sing of God's mercy,
Every day, every hour, He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee

For all the dangers, toils and snares
That He has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve Him,
No matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt,
Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.
And I know that He'll keep you
Safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest,
I'm going home to be forever blessed.
Trust and never doubt,
Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet. (Refrain)

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace
For Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do,
He delivered Daniel,
I know He will deliver you.
Trust and never doubt,
Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet. (Refrain)

*** DOXOLOGY** Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**
Now Thank We All Our God Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 29

*** BENEDICTION**

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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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.

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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY

Church School

Today we resume our new Rotation Workshops on "The Lord's Prayer". Kindergarten & 1st graders will be in the Daniels Center. 2nd graders will be in the Red Door. 4th and 5th grades will be in the Green Door. "678" will start in the Binney Conference Room. Child care during Dr. Lisa Miller's presentation will be in the Blue Door.

Blood Pressure Screening

Betsy Kreuter, PT, is available for blood pressure screenings following today's worship service, in room 203 (near the big kitchen).

Choir Rehearsals

All choirs will meet today in their normal places/times:

Cherub Choir: Rainbow Room (basement) 11:15-11:45

Children's Choir: 3rd floor 11:15-12:00

Youth Choir: Meetinghouse 11:15-12:15

“The Spiritual Child” Author to Speak at First Church at 11:30 in the Auditorium

Research by the Spiritual Child Team at Columbia Teachers College have revealed some remarkable data about the effect of spirituality in children and their wellbeing as teenagers. These findings are relevant for all ages and that is why we have invited Dr. Lisa Miller to be with us to share a light lunch and to dialogue about the findings of her 10 years of study. Dr. Miller is Professor of Psychology and Education at Columbia University, Teachers College and is Founder of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute, the first Ivy League graduate program in spirituality and psychology. Dr. Miller is the author of “The Spiritual Child; The New Science of Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving.” A graduate of Yale, she received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania from Martin Seligman. She frequently is cited in print and in on-line media and has appeared on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, and NBC Today Show as an expert. She lives in Connecticut with her husband and three children.

UPCOMING

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: Tuesday, January 24th

Welcome all! Whether you are a current prayer shawl volunteer, a curious knitter, or someone who would like to contribute by helping to tie the fringe and sew on the labels, we need you! The intent of this meeting is to share the instructions for the prayer shawls, ask questions of our seasoned knitters, and to discuss ways for us to work and pray together as we continue this important ministry. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Binney Conference Room. If you are unable to attend, but would like to participate in the Ministry, please email Sheila Bennett at sheilabennett@optonline.net.

Hats Off

“Hats Off” will begin its second book of 2017 with “The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead. This fictional novel is

the 2016 National Book Award winner. It tells the story of Cora and Caesar, two slaves who make a bid for freedom from their Georgia plantations by following the Underground Railroad. We will begin our discussion on January 26th. Please reserve your copy with the Greenwich Library. We meet up in the Binney Room on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30. Please call Debbie Berner, 203-629-1110 if you have any questions.

Intergenerational Faith Formation Breakfast
Sunday, January 29th at 9 am in the Daniels Center

The next Faith Formation breakfast will be on January 29. Folks of all ages are invited to join us for the famous Church School pancake breakfast with an added egg entrée, too. While we break bread together, we will also learn about the words of the Lord's Prayer and what they mean for us. Questions such as what it means to say "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" and "lead us not into temptation." This is a special and blessed opportunity for our children to learn from you and you from them and have fun doing it. Research shows that children who are known by at least 4 or 5 adults in their church are more likely to continue to be church goers as they grow into adulthood. Here is your chance to be a positive influence in their lives. Come join the Church School Task Force and the Faith Formation and Education Committee as they host this intergenerational event.

Caregivers Support Group

Please join us for the Caregivers Support Group for those who currently are, recently have been, or no longer are, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information, and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the Binney Conference Room. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, is the group facilitator. For more information, please call Dorothy at (203) 588-9596, or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

Announcing the 2017 "Souper Bowl" Sunday Soup Sale

Calling all cooks! It's time to show-off your soup-making skills once again by volunteering to make and donate a quart (or quarts) of soup

to this year's annual "Souper Bowl Sunday" soup sale to benefit the FCCOG Women's Fellowship! The sale will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, February 5, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and quarts homemade of soup will be sold for \$10 each. Please sign up to donate in the church office or after church in the auditorium for the next several Sundays. Restaurant-style food containers will be available for pick-up starting this Sunday after church in the auditorium. This annual event has proven to be an easy, inexpensive and popular way to contribute to the community for both those who love to cook and those who love to eat! Please contact Jenny Gartner at jenniferhgartner@gmail.com for more information.

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

Monday, January 22: Please visit www.fccog.org/the-rummage-room/ to see the 50% off sale items for the week.

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Spring clothing, ladies' blouses and jewelry.

Shop Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 pm Monday to Friday & 10 - 10:00 - 12:30 Saturday.

Donation Hours: 9:30 - 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday & 9:30 - 12:30 pm Friday and Saturday.

Thought for Life: Your smile is "Rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and an antidote for trouble." Don't forget to use . . . it is precious to many!

Next Week at First Church
Sunday, January 29

Rev. Patrick Collins, preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir
Lay Me Low—arr. Kevin Siegfried

Carolyn Paulus and Carol Woodman, sopranos
Children, Blessed of the Lord—Felix Mendelssohn



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