

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

**29 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.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

Andante Sostenuto

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

#### **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**

Leader: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

**People: for all are welcome in God's house.**

Leader: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

**People: for love is the language of faith.**

Leader: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

**People: for God dwells in each of us.**

**Come, let us worship in unity and love.**

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

Down in My Heart

The Cherub Choir

George W. Cooke

Carol Woodman, director

Debbie Berner, piano

**\* HYMN**

You Have Come Down to  
the Lakeshore

New Century (black) Hymnal 173

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Rev. Patrick Collins  
Edwina Gateley

Let Your God Love You

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you

With an enormous love,

And only wants

To look upon you

With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God—

Love you.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Patrick Collins

**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, Rotation classes will start in the Daniels Center. They will then go their classrooms: Kindergarten & 1st graders in the Red Door; 2nd graders in the Green Door. 4th and 5th grades will be in the Daniels Center. "678" will remain in church to worship and hear Patrick's sermon.)

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Bill DeHaven

#### **1 Corinthians 1: 26-31**

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

--New Revised Standard Version

### **ANTHEM**

Lay Me Low

The Chancel Choir

Arr. Kevin Seigfrid (b. 1969)

Lay me low, low.

Where the Lord can find me,

Where the Lord can own me,

Where the Lord can bless me.

### **SECOND LESSON**

#### **Matthew 4: 18-25**

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their

father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

--New Revised Standard Version

## **SERMON**

Good Enough

Rev. Patrick Collins

## **\* HYMN**

For the Faithful Who  
Have Answered

New Century (black) Hymnal 384

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

Paul Kretschmann

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Children, Blessed of the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Carolyn Paulus & Carol Woodman, sopranos

Children, blessed of the Lord, ever blessed by His heavenly protected,  
fearing the Lord, heeding His word,  
Shielded by Him and daily directed.

Go through the world, to do His will below,  
safe in His tender love, enjoying its pleasures, enduring its woe.  
Remembering ever it is from above.

So fair as the lilies white with fond hearts ever gladly bringing  
praises to God on high, praises to God ever singing.

Go through the world, still go, so blessed, untainted, free from sin.

Increase in wisdom and increase in love.

O how blest are ye.

**\* 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**  
I Am the Light of the World New Century (black) Hymnal 584

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**  
Fanfare Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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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.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

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### **TODAY**

#### **Church School**

Today we will have our last workshops on “The Lord’s Prayer.” Kindergarten & 1st graders will be in the Red Door; 2nd graders in the Green Door. 4th and 5th grades will be in the Daniels Center. “678” will remain in church to worship and hear Patrick’s sermon. Next week we begin a new series on “Festivals and Celebrations in the Bible” as a preface to Lent.

#### **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

#### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, RN will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Community Hour, following today’s worship service. During the week she is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 21.

### **UPCOMING**

#### **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](mailto:jenniferhgartner@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting again on January 31 to begin the prayerful work of knitting shawls.

### **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](mailto:dorothymueller1@gmail.com).

### **News from The Rummage Room**

**191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich**

**Monday, 29:** Selected 50% off merchandise can be found on [www.fccog.org/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/the-rummage-room/).

**Manager Leanne's Wish List for the Week:** Spring dresses, ladies' blouses and all shoes.

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

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

**A beautiful thought from Maya Angelou:** Always try to be a rainbow to someone's cloud.

**Next Week at First Church  
Sunday, February 5**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir  
Teach me, O Lord—Thomas Attwood  
Eric Birk, guest director/organist

The Youth Choir  
Rejoice, Greatly Joseph M. Martin





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