

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

**2 April 2017**

**Youth Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

10 o'clock in the morning



### **Ushers/Greeters**

Elsa Ginste  
Hannah Ginste  
Max Kreuger  
Tessa Laffan  
Marcus Lotufo  
Sarah Mickley  
Victoria Mueller Bradford  
Kristin Riggs  
John Romano  
John Russell  
Charles Schrohe  
Anna Weiksner

### **Communion Servers**

Lauren Mickley  
Kendall Schrohe  
Taylor Pratt  
James Mair  
JQ Norrgard  
Daniel Lepoutre

### **Youth Choir**

Parker Freeman  
Ellie Garnett  
Yevgeniya Golodinskii  
Mariel Laffan  
Daniel Lepoutre  
James Mair  
Lauren Mickley  
Sarah Mickley  
Drew Mohn  
Elizabeth Mohn  
Emma Olmsted  
Olivia Pfetsch

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**

Two Communion Hymns

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

Rev. Patrick Collins

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

### **DUET**

Peace Like a River, Kum Bah Yah

Lauren & Sarah Mickley  
Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman  
Vance Briceland, piano

### **COMMUNITY MOMENT**

Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer,  
Silver Lake UCC

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lauren Mickley

Leader: We come together as God's creation.

**People: We hope to be the people you have created us to be.**

Leader: We come together as God's children.

**People: May our sense of wonder draw us closer to you.**

Leader: We come together as God's broken people.

**People: We seek to be made whole, to be made new.**

Leader: We come together knowing that God is with us.

**People: Encouraging us.**

Leader: Reminding us that we belong to God.

**People: Loving us.**

Leader: And reminding us that we are, indeed, lovable.

**People: Lifting us up.**

Leader: How can we help but be the people God has created us to be?

**People: By our being, we are those which God has created.**

**All: May this time encourage us to live fully as God's creation.**

### **\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\* HYMN**

Not My Brother, Nor My Sister

(Standing in the Need of Prayer)      New Century (black) Hymnal 519

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

John Russell

**O God, with gladness and expectation we gather in this space today. You are the one who makes all things new. You are the one who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul. In this holy space, help us, your children, to know that you always love us. Through our worship today, help us know that if we stray away from you, you are always ready to receive us with open arms. Prepare our hearts, as we worship you, to welcome and embrace all of your children as you do us. Amen.**

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE DRAMA**

#### **John 11: 1-45**

Narrator: Emma Olmsted

Mary: Ellie Mohn

Martha: Taylor Pratt

Lazarus: JQ Norrgard

Jesus: Drew Mohn

Disciples: Will Grunow, Billy Goggins, James Mair, Kendall Schroe

Spirit Dancers: Maggie Jacoby, Mariel Laffan, Jenny Olmsted

# SERMON

Daniel Lepoutre

## \* HYMN

Taste and See

Refrain F C/F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm C7

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. Oh,

F C/F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm7 C7 F Fine

taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Taste and See'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 2/2. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and includes the lyrics 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. Oh,'. The second system continues the melody with the lyrics 'taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' and ends with a 'Fine' marking. Chord symbols are written above the treble staff: F, C/F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, Gm, C7 in the first system; and F, C/F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, Gm7, C7, F in the second system.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### CALL TO OFFERING

Sarah Mickley

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beautiful City (from Godspell)

The Youth Choir  
Stephen Schwartz, arr. Mac Huff  
Carolyn Paulus, director  
Tod Hedrick, bass  
Peter Hohmeister, drums

**\* 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**

Sarah Mickley

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

Those who are able to come forward and receive communion will be invited row by row by an usher. Please come forward in two single-file lines and return to your seat entering from the outside aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. You are invited to take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the juice. All of our elements are gluten-free.

The communion table is open to all.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Parker Freeman, Guitar

Opus 6 Study 8

Fernando Sor

Sonata in B Minor

Domenico Cimarosa

**UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in this power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**ANTHEM**

The Youth Choir

Stand in the Light

Stephan Moccio & Lauren Christy

**\* BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Standing in the Need of Prayer

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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 all our children are welcome in worship. As a matter of fact, Patrick has planned some special parts for children during the service so he would like to see as many children as possible. That being said, there is child care for babies and toddlers as always, and two parents of 3's and 4's have also volunteered to be with those from the class who would greatly prefer to be in the classroom. On both Palm Sunday and, of course, on Easter, the entire church family and friends will be in worship together. Child care for babies and toddlers is also available those days.

#### **Easter Basket Wrap-up!**

The youth and Church School Task Force joined forces to provide Spring/Easter baskets to the children from Covenant to Care for

Children again this year. We have something for the Hussaini children, too. These baskets just need some finishing touches with which anyone may help during Community Hour after church on Sunday. The baskets and materials will be in the Auditorium waiting for your special touch.

### **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.

### **Choir Rehearsals**

The following choirs will meet today in their normal places/times:  
Cherub Choir: Rainbow Room (basement) 11:15-11:45  
Children's Choir: Daniels Center 11:15-12:00

### **Prayer Net**

The Faith Formation and Education Committee continues to invite you to add to our Prayer Net throughout Lent. This practice was inspired by an installation at the Ely Cathedral in England. Fishing formed an important part of people's livelihood. Jesus' first followers were also fishermen. Yet Jesus called them to leave their nets and follow him. This prayer net serves to remind us of Jesus' call and of the universality of our prayers. Return as often as you'd like to tie a piece of yarn as a symbol of a prayer. It can express the prayer of your heart without speaking a word. By rituals like this, we can come closer to the Holy Spirit who prays within us "with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 26:8)

## **UPCOMING**

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, April 5, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

Volunteers are needed to make refreshments or play the piano. If you can help, please contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse at extension 21 or email [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org). To make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE.



## 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) 588-9896, or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com .

## News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

**Monday, April 3:** See Mgr. Leanne's 50% off sale categories of merchandise at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/).

**April 3 through April 8:** There are wonderful selections of spring and Easter clothing, shoes and other great items for both adults and children. There are many treasures to be found in the way of art work, beautiful crystal, jewelry, and many other things which must be seen to be appreciated.

**Manager Leanne's Wish List:** Handbags, men's ties, and table linens.

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

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

**Thank you!** Without you, The Rummage Room could not possibly function, as you are its heart and soul! Gratitude is the most exquisite form of praise --Jacques Maritain

## Interested in Learning about Joining the Church?

Our next New Member class will be held on Sunday, April 23rd at 11:20 AM in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately an hour and one half and will include lunch. During the class, prospective new members have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and to learn more about 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 be received on Sunday, May 7th.

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 637-1791 ex.26. or call the church office

**Next Week at First Church  
Sunday, April 9**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by the Palmer Handbell Choir

Music by the Chancel Choir  
Sing a Loud Hosanna, Mark Schweizer

# Easter Memorial/Honor Flowers & Brass

The Chancel Committee invites contributions for flowers in the Meetinghouse this Easter, and the Church Committee invites contributions for Easter Brass. You may give to one, the other or both. Any amount is welcome. Please deliver this completed form with your check to the Church Office (payable to *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*) on or before **Sunday, April 9**. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Thank you.

Please accept my contribution to the (check one or both):

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flower Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Brass

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print names legibly to minimize spelling errors.)**



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