

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

16 April 2017

Easter Sunday

11 o'clock in the morning

Alleluia



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 Easter Sunday morning.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Solemn Processional

Brass and Organ
Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

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**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: God is alive!

People: New birth is given! Alleluia!

Leader: Hope is alive!

People: A new age is dawning! Alleluia!

Leader: Love is alive!

People: Death cannot harm us! Alleluia!

Leader: We are alive!

People: New life is within us! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Choir introduction:

Living Lord and risen Savior, exaltation fills the air.
Blackest night gives birth to morning in a dawning bright and fair.
Living Lord and risen Savior, on this wondrous day of days,
Everywhere your people gather, giving You their Easter praise!

Congregation & Choir:

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting, Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Choir:

Living Lord and risen Savior, in Your victory we share.
Yours the triumph! Yours the glory!
You are honored everywhere.
You have paved the way to heaven. You have forged a pathway through.
You have conquered death forever, we now live because of You. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

God of all ages and of all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your love that turns sorrow into joy and despair into hope. May the good news of this day inspire us to embody your love and justice that those cries of joy first heard on Easter morning may echo through the

centuries to our time and place. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

Psalm 118: 1-2, 21-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Christ Our Passover

The Chancel Choir

Will C. Macfarlane

SECOND LESSON

John 20: 1, 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God

and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. —New Revised Standard Version

SERMON

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory; sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking. Soon the storms of time shall cease.
In God’s likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it. Christ has passed th’ eternal gates.

Life eternal O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When amid earth’s closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament,
Know with thee, O God immortal, “Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.”

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

Mary Fike

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Achieved Is the Glorious Work (from Creation)

The Chancel Choir

F. J. Haydn

*** 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**

Thine is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Keep the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. (Refrain)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Hallelujah Chorus

Choir, Brass, Congregation

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Easter Day

Organ and Brass

Gerald Bales

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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.

Brass Ensemble
Trumpet 1: Anthony Gorusso
Trumpet 2: Jim Cifelli
Trombone 1: Steve Shulman
Trombone 2: Cliff Haynes
Percussion: Eric Phinney
Organ: Eric Birk

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.fcog.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

There are no Church School classes today however, we do have Child Care as usual. 3's and 4's may join child care in the Preschool Blue Door if they are unable to be in church. Just a few reminders: Communion class for 2nd graders and older, next Sunday April 23 during Church School; 4th & 5th graders visit Pilgrim Towers next Sunday after Church School; a new rotation session begins next Sunday and parents are needed to help in the classrooms. Contact Rosemary Lamie about any of these events.

UPCOMING

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

Happy Easter from The Rummage Room 191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, April 17: See Leanne's 50% off sales at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Spring handbags, cotton sweaters, and musical instruments.

Gift certificates are available at the cash register in any amount to give to your favorite people for Mother's Day, Proms, Graduations, Birthdays and many other occasions.

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.

Thought for life: May our hearts and minds be full of love and joy today and every day. Joy is the simplest form of gratitude to God for the resurrection of His only son so that we might enjoy our time on earth and prepare ourselves for what lies ahead. Happy Easter.

Installation Service for Rev. Patrick Collins

On Sunday April 30 during our 10 am worship service we will celebrate the installation of Patrick as our Associate Pastor. Michael Ciba from the Connecticut Conference will preach. Please mark your calendars for this very special morning.

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 .

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. —Matthew 18:20

Do you have a prayer concern? First Church will pray for you. Please speak to one of the ministers or fill out a prayer request card found in each of the pews. Place the card in the prayer box at the back of the church. All prayer requests are confidential and only first names will be used. You can ask the ministers to pray and also for members of our church who are part of the prayer chain to pray for you. You can also submit prayer requests online on our website at <http://www.fccog.org/pastoral-care/prayer-chain> . If you know of others who are in need of prayer, please ask them first if you can submit their prayer concern. If you are interested in praying for others as part of the prayer chain, please contact Patrick Collins (patrickc@fccog.org or 203-637-1791 ext. 25) or Mary-Ann Assing (maryannassing@gmail.com or 203-532-0082).

Next Week at First Church

Rev. Avery C. Manchester, preaching
Music by The Chancel Choir
Easter Carol—Vernon Hoyle
Timothy Pyper, guest director/organist

The decorations in the Meetinghouse and the brass during these festival services are given in joyful and loving memory of:

- Jeanette & Lars Stenberg, by Linnea Stenberg
- Our parents, Lile & Elmer Rasmuson and Marian & Jack Gibbons, by Lile & John Gibbons
- Connie Stack, Heather's mother, by Heather, Jeff, Ainsley, Tommy, & Maya Sahrbeck
- Richmond B. Hopkins, by his family
- Our parents, Anne & Robert MacLea and Nadean & Elmer Hirth, by Carolyn & Bob MacLea
- Joan & Jim Kreuter, by their children & grandchildren
- Charlie & Bill Robertson, by Betsy Kreuter & the Kreuter family
- John & Betty Briggs, by the Kreuter family
- David Whitman Durland, son, by Mary M. Durland
- Our parents, Purisima & Feliciano Teria and Louise & Richard Haviland, by Erlinda & Larry Haviland
- Efraim & Victoria Olson, Ryan & Margaret Rosendale, and Erna Nelson, by Ken & Erna Olson
- My parents, Beth & Sherm Baldwin, by Anne Baldwin Castine
- George W. Fisk, by Dorothy Fisk
- Richard Vogt, by a loyal follower
- C. George Fryback & Nicholas Fryback, by the Fryback family
- Arthur C. & Catherine G. Weigner, by sons Stephen A. & Ronald C. Weigner
- My brothers & sisters-in-law, Roger & Marguerite, Douglas, Nedra, Dick & Pat, Jack & Sandy Tubbs, by Jean Tubbs Watkins
- Bert Moss & Lee Davenport, by Doris Moss Davenport
- Paul G. Hudson, George Finch, from the Hudson & Finch families
- Melita & John Magness & Dana Andersen, by their family
- Michel Kramer-Metraux & Curvin O'Rielly, Jr., by their families
- Mildred & Gerald Mulhall, by the Ghaffari Family
- Loving husbands & fathers G. Michael Hawkins & Martin J. Molloy, by Kevin, Marcie, Jack, & Gavin Molloy
- Our parents & grandparents, and Florence Fasoli, by Ty, Cyndy, Jay, & Katie Anderson
- Earl S. Moore, Jr., by the Moore family
- Jim Westbrook, by his family
- Kimberly Dawn Pacent, with all our love, Paul, Karen, & Nicole Pacent
- Phyllis Kimball, from her loving children Karen Pacent, Sandy Zaremba, & Randy Trayer

- Rick & Harry Woodman, by Carolyn Paulus
- Marge & Art Billings and Howie & Nina Flierl, by Shirley Billings Flierl & Peter J. Flierl
- Louise Gifford & Harrison D. Reed, by their son Gifford and his family
- Martha Ahrens Schymik, by her daughters Alexandra Ahrens Jung & Erika Ahrens Costantini, son-in-laws, grandchildren, & extended family
- Lynn (Susy) Eisenberg, Ph.D., by Diane & Paul Kretschmann
- Terry Beaurline, former choir member, by Mary Jane & Bill Penwell
- Our parents, Alma & Steve Karch and Betty & Fred Breismeister, and Don's brother, Fred, by Ginny & Don Breismeister

The decorations in the Meetinghouse and the brass during these festival services are given in honor of:

- The First Congregational Church of Greenwich Choir & Dr. Craig Scott Symons, by Mary Jane & Bill Penwell
- My grandchildren Nicholas, Julia, Sophia, & Olivia Ferrara, by Lynn Robertson
- Our grandchildren, Finn, June, Gunther, & Alta by Ginny & Don Breismeister

A donation to the brass during these festival services is given by:

- Kristen Bodenstein



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