

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

30 April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Processional

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

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: Come, people of God!

People: Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and lift up his name in the presence of his people.

Leader: For God is gracious and merciful.

People: Full of compassion and love.

Leader: While we were still helpless, God came to save us.

People: Let us worship God together!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHORAL INTROIT

*** HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 192

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Living Jesus, whose presence on our daily road we often fail to see; warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word, so that, in making room for the stranger beside us, we find your hospitality awaiting us, and the reassurance of your presence to inspire us to tread the road again and to share the good news of your life.

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.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

The Children's Choir
George Mabry (b. 1945)
Vance Briceland, piano

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Every day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday, he gave me the gift of love,
On Tuesday peace come from above.
On Wednesday, told me to have more faith;
On Thursday, gave me a bit more grace.
On Friday, told me to watch and pray;
On Saturday, told me what to say.
On Sunday, gave me power divine,

Just to let my little light shine.

(Following the Anthem, the children and their teachers will gather to begin our curriculum on Pentecost and preparations for Children's Sunday. Kindergarten and 1st graders to the Preschool Red Door; 2nd graders to the Green Door; 4th and 5th graders to the Daniels Center. 3rd graders to the Rainbow Door.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Bill DeHaven

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

—New Standard Revised Version

SOLO

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle (1867-1951)

Carol Woodman, soprano

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about

Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

“Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

—New Standard Revised Version

SERMON

Burning Hearts

Rev. Dr. Michael Ciba, Southwest Regional
Minister, Connecticut Conference

*** HYMN**

Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

GREETING

PRESENTATION

EXHORTATION

***COVENANT (All who are able will be invited to stand and remain standing for the duration of the covenant)**

People: We, the members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, United Church of Christ, receive Patrick Collins as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor

with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

***PRAYER OF INSTALLATION**

***DECLARATION**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Joe McBride

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

True Light

Keith Hampton

Drew Seigla, tenor

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning, out of the darkness God created True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,

And don't desert my mind.

But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.

He lives in us as True Light.

You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy.

But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I want the world to know,

God gave the world True Light

*** 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

Christ Beside Me

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

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* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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 continue our rotation curriculum on Pentecost and preparations for Children's Sunday on June 4. "678" will remain in worship for Patrick's Installation. Special notice for 9th, 10th and 11th graders: We just learned that there are still spots available for the Silver Lake mission trip ("Hammer and Nail") to the HOME Coop in Maine July 16 – 27. Let Rosemary or Patrick know if you would like to hear more. There are also one-week openings at Silver Lake for 3rd through 11th graders all summer.

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
Youth Choir: Meetinghouse 11:15-12:15

UPCOMING

Kettle Quilters Raffle

The Kettle Quilters have created a beautiful queen-sized quilt for the Women's Fellowship Quilt Raffle this year. It is a variation of a classical Log Cabin pattern. Log Cabin quilt blocks feature strips of

fabric arranged around a center square. The contrasting fabrics create a pattern in the individual blocks. When placing the blocks, they can be turned to achieve different looks in a quilt. This quilt could have looked very different if the same blocks were stitched together in a different pattern. Each square in the 2017 Raffle Quilt has a light side and a dark side, resulting in a unique pattern. This lovely quilt will be raffled off at the Spring Luncheon on May 10. Tickets are on sale at The Rummage Room, at Coffee Hour and in the Church Office in the weeks leading up to the luncheon, but please don't delay. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from this raffle will support charitable organizations that benefit women, children and families. If you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at GinnyB@fccog.org . Thank you!

**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).

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

'Tis indeed the beautiful month of May when flowers are blooming and the trees are in color. What joy!

Monday, May 1: All sale items for the week can be found on the website at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

Question: Have you cleaned-out your closets to get ready for spring and summer? If so, where will your donations go? To The Rummage Room in Old Greenwich, of course, where they will be sold and the donations become funds for organizations who help families in need.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Ladies shoes, spring blazers and musical instruments.

May 14 is Mother's Day: We have gift certificates available! Choose the amount you would like to give your loved ones and the recipients can then make their own selections.

Wednesday, May 10: The Women's Fellowship Annual Spring Luncheon. The luncheon is \$12.

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. Please do not leave donations when the shop is closed.

Thoughts for the week: The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, May 7**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by The Chancel Choir
All We Like Sheep—G. F. Handel



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