

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

28 May 2017
Memorial Sunday
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 Memory Garden.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Andante (from Sonata #5)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

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**

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

People: We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

People: We gather to celebrate the promise of Justice for all.

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

People: We gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of Almighty God,

People: The creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHORAL INTROIT

*** HYMN**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 437

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

God of Justice and Peace,

We come before you, not to glorify war,

but to honor and celebrate those

who have experienced its chaos and heartbreak.

Those who were civilians and those who were military.

Those who braved the censure of society

and those who gave of themselves for that society.

Those who survived and those who did not.

Those who were friends and those who were enemies.

None who have waded into war

are untouched in body, mind or spirit.

May we be thankful and supportive of them now and forever.

We ask this in Jesus name, who taught us to pray:

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jean Watkins

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

—New Standard Revised Version

ANTHEM

God Omnipotent Reigneth

The Chancel Choir

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

God omnipotent reigneth, clad in apparel bright;
Sovran King He remaineth, girded about with might;
By him the world alone immutably was grounded;
In heav'n hath He His throne, from everlasting founded.

Ocean billow and breaker uplift the voice of pride;
But their mightier Maker governeth wind and tide.
His laws and sure decree of holiness are telling,
Which evermore shall be sole inmate of His dwelling. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

John 15: 12-17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

—New Standard Revised Version

SERMON

We’ve Got Your Back!

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 429

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Finale (from Sonata #6)

Felix Mendelssohn

*** 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**

God of Our Fathers, Whose
Almighty Hand

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 433

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D minor (from Sonata #6)

Felix Mendelssohn

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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

There will be no church school classes today. For children up to age 6, however, child care is available. Next Sunday is a time for us to worship together—and please remember to bring flowers for our flower cross.

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

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

Undies Sunday Continues for the Month of May

Nothing says you care like underwear! This month we will be collecting new, unused briefs and boxers for men, women's panties, and children's underwear for those in need to improve their lives. All

sizes and ages needed. Collection bins will also be available for the remainder of the month in the church office and during Community Hour. All items donated will be distributed through Neighbor to Neighbor to their clients.

Underwear is the most under-donated—and most needed—item of clothing. No one should be deprived of the simple, daily necessity of clean underwear that many of us take for granted. Hygiene and physical comfort are only a part of this basic human need. New, clean underwear also provides dignity and self-esteem. The Undies Project at Neighbor to Neighbor was started to fulfill this need.

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

Monday, May 29: The Rummage Room will be closed Memorial Day in honor of the men and women who had the courage to risk death to protect our liberty and keep us safe. God bless.

Tuesday, May 30: All sale items for the week can be found on the website at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

As you are well aware, Summer is almost upon us. The Rummage Room holds many wonderful items for all members of your family. Come in and have fun with your shopping! Not only with the great things you take home for you and your family, and the amazing low prices, but how good you will feel because you helped others as the result of your purchases.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Handbags, jewelry, jewelry and more jewelry and spring shoes.

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.

Thought for the times: “In the beginning of a change, patriots are often hated and scorned. When the cause succeeds, the timid join in, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.”—Mark Twain

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 .

**Next Week at First Church
Pentecost Sunday
Children's Sunday, June 4**

678 class, preaching

Music by The Cherub Choir
He's My Rock—Randy Travis

The Children's Choir
Praise the Lord for Spring—Robert Powell

The Chancel Choir
Jesus Loves Me—Joel Raney

The Palmer Handbell Choir
How Can I Keep from Singing?—Arr. Cathy Mocklebust



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