

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

**4 June 2017**

**Children's Sunday**

10 o'clock in the morning



People Prepare For Worship in Different Ways.

Some people like to reflect and meditate before church starts.

One way to pause and meditate is by coloring different patterns.

Try coloring in the picture below and see if it helps you to relax and focus



"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." – Acts 2:1-4

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.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

Awake, My Heart

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

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

Rev. Patrick Collins

#### **CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Car Westbrook

### **PRAISING GOD**

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

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

My Rock, My Sword, My Shield

The Cherub Choir

Ralph Charmichael

Carole Woodman, director

Debbie Berner, ukulele

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**Prayer flags** come from the Buddhist tradition and are made from cloth. They are used to promote peace, compassion, strength and wisdom. The prayers on the flags are blown by the wind and spread the good will of the prayers to all the surrounding area. The prayers are meant to benefit all. The prayer flags in the meetinghouse were made by the 678 class.

**\* HYMN**

**We Are One in the Spirit**



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

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**GATHERING PRAYER**

Gwyneth Mair

**Holy One, For all of the ways you speak to us, in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that goes beyond language, we give thanks. Give us courage to speak your love, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

We now invite you to hear the Lord's Prayer as our Kindergarteners and 1st Graders offer it on your behalf.

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

### **BIBLE PRESENTATION**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

3rd Grade Teachers: We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

3rd Grade Parents: We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

Senior Deacon: The entire congregation is pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

**All: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.**

### **ANTHEM**

Praise the Lord for the Spring

The Children's Choir  
Robert Powell (b. 1932)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director  
Vance Briceland, pianist

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The festival of weeks, also known as **Shavuot**, is a Jewish celebration, which takes place fifty days after Passover. The Holy Spirit came to the apostles during that festival, and it became known as Pentecost Day.



## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ainsley Sahrbeck, Kristen Jacks,  
Matthew Golodinskii

### Acts 2:1-15

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force, no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;  
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;  
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;  
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"  
Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it.  
They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"  
Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk, it's only nine o'clock in the morning.

—New Standard Revised Version

## SERMON

Soul's On Fire

Grace Alfonso, Lola Dellascenza, Elsa Ginste,  
Hannah Ginste, Darin Jacks, Max Kreuger,  
Tessa Laffan, Marcus Lotufo, Sarah Mickleby,  
Jennie Olmsted, Will Van Rhyn

**\* HYMN**

God the Spirit,  
Guide and Guardian

New Century (black) Hymnal 355

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**THANKSGIVING & RECOGNITION**

Rosemary Lamie

Leader: Today, we recognize and affirm all of our Church School teachers, with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

**People: We give thanks to God for their time and talent.**

Leader: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers.

**People: Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through the gift of teaching.**

Leader: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

**All: As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers have given to our children.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**CALL TO OFFERING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

The Chancel Choir

Jesus Loves Me

Joel Raney (b. 1956)

**\* 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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

We practice open Communion – all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God's people are welcome to receive Communion, including children of all ages, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation. All are welcome to the table of God.

**INVITATION**

# PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (all bread is gluten-free) as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup (grape juice) until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

How Can I Keep from Singing?

The Palmer Handbell Choir

Arr. Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)

### 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

#### \* HYMN

Now, Go in Joy

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all peo-ple have  
heard: God em-brac-es all! Fol-low, then, the dis-  
ci-ples' call: tend your neigh-bors with lov-ing care  
in dai-ly work and prayer. God's own  
grace em-pow-er your spir-it. A-men!



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**\* BENEDICTION**

Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

March

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

At the beginning of the Postlude the Third Graders will leave the Sanctuary. Everyone else is invited to listen to the Postlude before going to Fellowship Hour.

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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.



**Pentecost** means “the fiftieth day” and Christians today celebrate Pentecost seven weeks after Easter.

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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**

This summer, join us for church school at the 8 am beach service! Children 5 – 10 years old will gather as a group to learn some of the beach stories from the Bible, explore God's creation on the shore, or just chill out on the sand. Bring your children so we can sing, read books to each other, & play games!

### **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: Auditorium 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**

### **Notice of the 346th Annual Meeting**

The 346th Annual Meeting of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT, is hereby called for Sunday, June 18, 2017, immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse:

- To hear the Annual Reports of the Pastors, officers and committees, organizations and departments;
- To elect officers for the ensuing year;
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017;
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Note: There will be Child Care and snacks for the children available during the meeting.

--Car Westbrook, Church Clerk

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

**Monday, June 4:** View the 50% off sales for this week on the website at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/).

**Sunday, June 18:** Father's Day is almost here. The Rummage Room has so many men's beautiful dress shirts that you will not believe either the

assortment or the prices. You will be able to buy ten dress shirts for the price of one any place else. There are many other great gifts for Dad in the way of casual shirts, summer shorts, shoes, and neckties just to name a few. Do come in and see for yourself. And if you are in need of summer clothing, children and baby clothes, the Rummage Room has a wide assortment of merchandise for all.

**Manager Leanne's Wish List:** Table linens; handbags; and a typewriter. Any time you need something, just let Leanne know and the Rummage Room will ask for it in the Rummage Room News!

**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 Week:** "The purpose of life is to serve, show compassion and the will to help others. Only then do we become true human beings." -- Albert Schweitzer

**Next Week at First Church  
Music Sunday, June 11**

"With Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs"  
Music by the First Church choirs and instruments

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**Pentecost Word Scramble**

**(All words can be found in Acts 2:1-24)**

REIF \_\_\_\_\_  
TREPE \_\_\_\_\_  
STIIPR \_\_\_\_\_  
HEORGTET \_\_\_\_\_  
DWN I \_\_\_\_\_  
PAKES \_\_\_\_\_  
LIKDEL \_\_\_\_\_  
DERSIA \_\_\_\_\_  
SUJSE \_\_\_\_\_  
HEDAT \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Fire, Peter, Spirit, Together, Wind, Speak, Killed, Raised, Jesus, Death



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