

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

11 June 2017

Music 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.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Final from Symphony #1

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Felix Alexandre Guilmant

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Car Westbrook

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Thomas Woodman

Leader: Brothers and sisters! Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

All: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

Women: the God of glory thunders,

Men: the Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: It is a delight to be worshipping the Lord together!

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with each other!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

The Rainbow Song

The Cherub Choir

Arthur Hamilton

Carol Woodman, director

Debbie Berner, piano

* HYMN

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ple to-geth-er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins,

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

- All:** Most gracious God, the composer of our life, we thank you for giving us the gift of music.
- Pulpit:** Daily, our eyes are made aware of the symphonies of nature around every corner.
- Lectern:** Our ears wallow in the gentle notes of the cardinal and the evening cicadas, calling us to constantly remember your unending love.
- All:** Cause us, O Lord, to never cease to remember that first breath we heard from a newborn, as you give life to our daily songs of love.
- Lectern:** Nurture us, O Lord, to never cease to love our neighbors, as you always loved even the unlovable.
- Pulpit:** Energize us, O Lord, to always fill this world with compassion, as we seek to be lovers of justice and peace.
- All:** And now, let us pray together, with new and fresh eyes, the words your Son gave us,

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and forever. Amen.

(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)

HYMN

(please remain seated)

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Text by Mary Fike



1. I feel the sun up - on my face; the gen - tle wind be - hind me; life
 2. I've heard a new - born ba - by's cry, I've known a mo - ther's bliss— I've
 3. So through the years of youth and age, in sor - row and in glad - ness, I



swells like spring with - in my soul, I know that joy will find me. I
 laughed with friends a - round a fire, and felt a snow - flake's kiss. While
 break my bread and sing of hope, I can - not stay in sad - ness. In



can - not walk through dark - est night with - out the mu - sic ring - ing God
 ter - ror spreads and earth - quakes roll while ha - tred still is spread - ing; I
 morn - ing light and eve - ning stars, the new - est green is spring - ing; God



sends a song to fill my heart; how can I keep from sing - ing?
 cling to love and feel its power; how can I keep from sing - ing?
 gives me life and I re - joice; how can I keep from sing - ing?

ANTHEM

The Youth Choir

The Handiwork of God

Mark Miller

Carolyn Paulus, director

Vance Briceland, piano

Daniel Lepoutre, tenor

READING

Car Westbrook

Ephesians 5: 1-2, 6-20

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
 as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and
 sacrifice to God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN

(please remain seated)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Verse 1: All

Verse 2: Men

Verse 3: Women

Verse 4: All

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four verses. The first verse is for all, the second for men, the third for women, and the fourth for all.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav-en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

READING

Pat Larrabee

i thank You God for most this amazing
 day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
 and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
 which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
 and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
 day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
 great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
 breathing any—lifted from the no
 of all nothing—human merely being

doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

—e.e. cummings

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

The Children's Choir

Kenton Coe

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

*** HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Verse 1: Solo

Verse 2-4: All in parts

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

READING

Bob Small

Perfect silence in Nature is impossible. Even in that awful hush before a thunderstorm, when the world seems dead, already slain by some cataclysmic disaster, the tiny twitter of a bird, the cry of a sheep or the fluttering of a dead leaf to earth, breaks the stillness; and in the darkest hours of night an owl may hoot mournfully, a vagrant wind disturb the slumbering trees. Only those with ears untuned to the infinite minute sounds of Nature dream that there can be silence, for absolute silence is an attribute of death, and Nature is eternally pregnant with life . . . the choiring of the birds at dawn, the minute yet miraculous drone of the insects on a hot summer's day— humming of a multitude of flies and bees, chirping of grasshoppers, the almost imperceptible thrum of hovering wings. How still, how quiet the mind must be to absorb their infinitesimal music!

—Dallas Kenmare Browne Kelsey

*** HYMN**

Rain Down

Ben Quick, trumpet

Mary Fike, Flute

Car Westbrook, trombone

Verses: Children's Choir & Youth Choir

Refrain: All

F A7 Dm F7 B^b
 Rain down; rain down; rain down your
 (D/F[#]) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F[#]7) (Bm)
 F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm
 love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
 (D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 F7 B^b Gm C7 B^b F
 down; rain down your love, God of life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF HYMNAL TO GRADUATING SENIOR DANIEL LEPOUTRE

Carolyn Paulus
Dr. Craig Scott Symons

* HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

G D C G C
 1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -
 G D G D
 see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

CALL TO OFFERING

Barbara Norrgard

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

The Chancel Choir

F.J Haydn

Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst, soprano

Bill Rose, tenor

Rick Derr, bass

* 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

LITANY

Emma Olmsted, Drew Mohn,

Yevgeniua Golodinskii, Daniel Lepoutre

Spirit of the Living God,
we give thanks for your Word dancing around us.
From the first bird in the morning until the last cricket at night,
the sounds of your presence surround us.
May our ears be opened to hear your song.
Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the Living God,
we give thanks for the gift of music as it moves and shapes us.
We thank you for the ways in which the poetry expresses our faith,
the melody our longing, the harmony our hope.
May our lives and our ministries nurture the gift of music.
Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for the musicians
that lead us in worship.
We thank you for those who lead us,
we thank you for those who tap and strum and play,
we thank you for those who blend their voices.
May our lives display appreciation for the gift of music
and respect for the dedication of those who share the gift with us.
Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the Living God,
we give thanks for the opportunity to express our love
for you and for one another
through the powerful mystery of rhythm.
May our expressions of word and melody honor you, now and
always.
Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer. Amen.

--Katherine Hawker

*** HYMN**

I Danced in the Morning



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher- ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F B \flat F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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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.

Flowers in the meetinghouse today have been given in memory of our parents, by Don and Phyllis Freeman and their families.

Flowers in the meetinghouse today have been given in loving memory of William Henry Jostrand, by his family.

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

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

Copies of the Annual Report will be available during Community Hour today, and in the church office this week.

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

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

Monday, June 12: Gifts for Father's Day: Business shirts, ties, suits, and sport coats. For leisure: short sleeved shirts, tee-shirts, slacks, belts, summer shorts, casual pants and more. And while you are at the Rummage Room, do look at the great supply of summer clothing for ALL the family. Everything from bathing suits to shoes, outer wear, baby clothes, and everything you might need for you and your family.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Handbags, table linens, and lamps.

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.

Notice: Last day for donations will be August 3rd. The Rummage Room will close on August 5th for repairs, painting, and restocking, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 am. Please note: The Rummage Room will reopen after Labor Day, and not before!

Thought for the Week: Remember, when you donate or buy at The Rummage Room, you are helping those who do not have the means to help themselves. This is what our church, our Committees, our Rummage Room volunteers, and all those who come to the Rummage Room year in and year out to make sure the end result is to help people all over the world!

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
Sunday, June 18**

Rev. Patrick Collins, preaching

Music by The Summer Choir
Jubilate—C.V. Stanford



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