

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

**23 July 2017**

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.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

The SwanCamille

Jordan Castro, flute

Saint-Saëns

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

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

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows, runs, swims and flies upon it.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: God has given us clean air to breath and spirit to sing.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care for each other and all of creation.

**All: Let us worship the Creator with praise and thanksgiving.**

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

#### **\* HYMN**

Praise to the Living God

New Century (black) Hymnal 8

## UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, we delight in your summers: your warming sun and your balmy night air, the first marigolds in our gardens and the rows of new lettuce. We take pleasure in your summertime earth. But, sometimes we use the earth as if it were just another disposable product. Sometimes we ignore our debts to your planet and pretend that there will never be a day of reckoning. Sometimes we even think the world belongs to us. We delight in your summertime earth, Lord. Teach us to live in it reverently. Teach us the miracle of this place.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

George Balch Enterkin, son of  
Catherine Ives Enterkin & Adam Ward Enterkin

## BAPTISM PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on George, that you will watch over him and guide him as he grows in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit. All of this we pray as Jesus taught us saying,

## 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.

## BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing,  
Child of Promise

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign;

**With this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

#### **ANTHEM**

Carol of Beauty

The Summer Choir  
Dennis Kraus

Praise we the Lord who made all beauty for all our senses to enjoy.  
Give we our humble thanks and duty for simple pleasures we  
employ.

Praise him who makes our life a pleasure, sending us things which  
glad our eyes.

Thank him who gives us welcome leisure, that in our hearts sweet  
thoughts may rise.

Praise him who loves to see young lovers, fresh hearts that swell with  
youthful pride.

Thank him who sends the sun above us, as bridegroom fit to meet  
his bride.

Praise him who by a simple flower lifts our hearts to things above,  
Thank him who gives to each one power to find a friend to know  
and love.

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Pat Mendelsohn  
Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

#### **Genesis 1-4, selected verses**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God

called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
 in the image of God he created them;  
 male and female he created them.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.  
 And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

—New Standard Revised Version

**SERMON**

Respect Your Mother

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

**\* HYMN**

Pray for the Wilderness



1. Pray for the wil - der - ness, van - ish - ing fast,  
 2. Learn from the el - e - phant, ea - gle, and whale,  
 3. Work for the jus - tice cre - a - ted things need,  
 4. Trust that God's Christ o - ver - came nails and wood,  
 5. Pray for the at - mos - phere, pray for the sea,  
 pray for the rain for - est, o - pen and vast;  
 learn from the drag - on - fly, spi - der, and snail;  
 work for the health of each plant and its seed;  
 trust that earth's peo - ple will turn to the good;  
 learn from the riv - er, the rock, and the tree;

pray for the wa - ter - falls, pray for the trees  
 learn from the peo - ple in neigh - bor - ing lands  
 work for the crea - tures a - buse has be - trayed  
 trust that cre - a - tion for - ev - er will grow,  
 work til sha - lom in full har - mo - ny rings.

pray for the plan - et brought down by de - grees.  
 learn from the child - ren who play in their sands.  
 work for the gar - den God's wis - dom once made.  
 trust that God's good - ness to us o - ver - flows.  
 Trust the con - nec - tion of all liv - ing things.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Olga Hartwell

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Jordan Castro, flute

Cantilena

Francis Poulenc

**\* 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 Reigns O'er All the Earth

New Century (black) Hymnal 21

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

March

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in joyful celebration of the baptism of George Balch Enterkin.

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 Sunday there will be no Church School outside of Child Care for children birth through 4 years old. However all children are invited to be in worship and we will have a special "PrayGround" in the chapel with rugs, playthings, books and coloring options for any young children who will be here. Parents need to supervise their children in this area and can easily do that from the front row in the chapel or the front row on the lectern side of the Meetinghouse.

#### **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

Rev. DenUyl will be on vacation/study leave from July 24 through August 21. He will return to the pulpit on August 27. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Collins.

### **Summer Choir – All Welcome!**

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, starting at 9:00 am in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that morning. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 22).

### **Join Us for Summer Sings!**

Do you miss singing with your choir during the summer months? Come as you are from 7:30-9:30 on the Wednesday July 26 and, within two hours, we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of great choral music.

Music will be provided. Hospitality, refreshments, and fun are all included! No sign-up necessary, just come ready to sing. Donation of \$10 per person.

Wednesday, July 26—An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan  
Eric Peterson, conductor  
Dorothy Kolinsky, accompanist

### **News from The Rummage Room**

**191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich**

**Monday, July 24:** Sale items for the week can be found on the website at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room).

**Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27:** The Rummage Room will be open 10-5 pm.

**Friday, July 28:** The Rummage Room will close on Fridays at 3 pm through July 28.

**Monday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 2:** Everything in the shop 50% off!

**Thursday, August 3:** All you can toss in a bag for \$12 per bag.

**Friday, August 4:** All you can cram and jam in a bag for \$8 per bag.

**Saturday, August 5:** All you can fold up in a bag for **one dollar** per bag!

**Donation Hours:** 9:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday and 9:30-12:30 Friday and Saturday.

**Notice:** Last day for donations will be July 26. The Rummage Room will close on **August 5** at 1 pm for restocking and repairs. Do not leave donations when the Rummage Room is closed—no one will be around to rescue them!

**Tuesday, September 5:** The Rummage Room's 53rd Grand Reopening will be at 10 am.

**Prayer for the week:** "Whatever our talent, we should use it in every way possible. Spend it lavishly like a millionaire intent on going broke!" --Brendon Francis

**Next Week at First Church  
Sunday, July 30**

Rev. Patrick Collins, preaching

Choral Music by The Summer Choir  
For I Am Persuaded—Mark Schweizer

Carol Woodman, soprano  
He's Always Been Faithful—Sara Groves



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Countless animals are killed by consuming the fallen remains or becoming entangled in any attached string.

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[BalloonsBlow.org](http://BalloonsBlow.org)

