

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

27 August 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.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Allegro melanconico

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Jordan Castro, flute

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl. Jr.

HYMN SING

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Here, in this place, God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters.

People: Here, in this place, the worriers and wanderers call on God by name.

Leader: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us.

All: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Pilgrm (red) Hymnal 1

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, help me to relax.

Take from me the tension
that makes peace impossible.

Take from me the fears
that do not allow me to venture.

Take from me the worries
that blind my sight.

Take from me the distress
that hides your joy.

Help me to know
that I am with you,
that I am in your care,
that I am in your love,
that you and I are one.

This I ask in the name of Christ, that one who taught me 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

Joe McBride

Mark 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go
across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took
him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.
A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that

the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

—New Revised Standard Bible

SOLO
Andante

Jordan Castro, flute
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

—New Revised Standard Bible

SERMON

Be Still

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl. Jr.

*** HYMN**

Be Still, My Soul

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 77

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When the Perfect Comes

The Summer Choir
Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
I call upon you:
present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and well-pleasing to God,
which is your reasonable worship.

Prophecies will come to an end, tongues will cease,
knowledge will come to an end;
But Love never ends.
And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.
Do not be conformed to the present age,
but transformed by the renewing of the mind,
so that you may discern the will of God:
what is good, what is well-pleasing,
what is good and perfect. Amen.

*** 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 Life

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 97

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata on O God Our

Help in Ages Past

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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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

A Note to Parents

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, do not feel you have to suppress it in God's House. All are welcome here at First

Congregational Church! Feel free to sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear. Explain the parts of the service. Sing the hymns and pray together. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." At First Church we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the Church, and to one another.

To the members of our congregation, please know that a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. The presence of children is a Gift to the church, which offers hope for all.

Church School

This Sunday there is no Church School outside of Child Care for children birth through 4 years old. However all children are invited to be in worship where there is a special "PrayGround" in the chapel with rugs, puppets, books and coloring options for any young children who are 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

Only 5 More Church School Teachers Needed

We are very close to being fully staffed for Church School starting September 10 (Homecoming Sunday). A special thank you to all who stepped up in the last few weeks. Here's where we still have needs: One adult to help in the Baby Nursery/Toddler Room once or twice a month. Two adults to teach the combined 3's and 4's class. One adult for 2nd Grade. One adult for 4th & 5th grade class. Teaching is a great gift to our children as we learn with them the stories of the love of God and Jesus and as we all grow in our faith together.

Teaching experience not required. We all learn as we go and with the team approach you are never alone. We also have easy to follow lesson plans for you. Please talk to either Rosemary or Patrick if you are even a little tempted to give it a try or to come back again. You will not be sorry!

Outreach Opportunity

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink...” --Matthew 23:35

Can you take a couple of hours out of your Labor Day weekend and help serve lunch to our neighbors at New Covenant House in Stamford from 12:00-1:30? First Church provides the noon meal on the first Monday of every month, which coincides with Labor Day this year. To celebrate the holiday, we'll be providing fried chicken and the fixings. Your simple gift of time will be very much appreciated. Please contact Pat Mendelsohn (patmendelsohn@aol.com) for more details.

Join Us for Our Final Summer Sing!

Do you miss singing with your choir during the summer months? Come as you are from 7:30-9:30 on Wednesday August 30 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, August 30—Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio
Jack A. Pott, conductor
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, accompanist

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

The Rummage Room will be celebrating its 53rd Grand Reopening on September 5th—the day after Labor Day. The doors will open at 10:00 am so be sure to mark your calendars. If you have never been to a Rummage Room Reopening, you will no doubt agree after you

have shopped and been a witness, it is like the 9th wonder of the world. You will not be disappointed!

Ode to the Rummage Room:

'Twas the week before Reopening, and we all moved with haste
To make sure the merchandise was arranged in its place.
The clothing was hung on the hangers with great care,
In the hope our loyal and new customers soon would be there!
The shelves they are a-bulging with many good buys,
Like purses for the ladies and ties for the guys.
This may be the best Reopening in our 53 year history,
Thus the raising of millions will never be a mystery!

Manager Leanne Meyer wishes to express her appreciation to all the volunteers for their many years of time and caring at the Rummage Room. And without our customers, donors and the constant support of Women's Fellowship the past 53 years ... there would be no Rummage Room.

Please also do not donate items in poor condition which cannot be sold. The Rummage Room must pay a fee to have those items carted away, as the previous charitable organization who removed such donations no longer offers this service. If you know of a charitable organization who might provide this service to the Rummage Room, please contact Manager Leanne Meyer at 203 637-1875.

Thought in anticipation of the September 5th Grand Reopening:
When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities. When God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities. All proceeds go to help children and families in need.

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, September 3**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, preaching

Choral Music by The Summer Choir
Christ Is the Sure Foundation—Vernon Hoyle

Music by Thomas Woodman, Bass
Zion's Walls—Aaron Copland



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