

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

World Communion Sunday

1 October 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

Aria

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

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**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Leader: Welcome to this place:

where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

**People: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of
God's children:**

**where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

**All: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by
our God:**

**where we bring our hunger, and find food,
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing,
where we bring our very selves, and find
acceptance.**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 251

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

FIRST LESSON

Pat Mendelsohn

Matthew 5: 6-9

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
--New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

Praise Ye the Lord

Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842)

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

Praise ye the Lord, all ye nations, ye people, praise him.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us.

And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 25 (Selected verses)

The Lord said to Moses: Tell the Israelites to take for me an offering from all whose hearts prompt them to give. And have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. They shall make an ark of acacia wood. It shall be two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside. You shall cast four rings of gold for it, two rings on the one side, and two rings on the other side. You shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, by which to carry the ark. The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

Then you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. You shall make two cherubim of gold; you shall make them of hammered work, at the two ends of the mercy seat. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings. They

shall face one to another; the faces of the cherubim shall be turned toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark; and in the ark you shall put the covenant that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, I will deliver all my commands to the Israelites.

SERMON

Twice Blessed

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

Blest Are They

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

Kyrie Eleison

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*** 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 (note, gluten-free bread is available) 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray

(The congregation is to sing this refrain after each verse)

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus-tice and joy!

PSALM 23 (in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

D G Bm F#m Em7 A Bm

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

A D Em A Bm Gmaj7

meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

Em7 A D Bm7 E Asus A D

vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

G Em A A7 Bm Em A7 D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Make a Joyful Noise

Alan Viner (b. 1951)

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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.

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. 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 during worship. The presence of children is a Gift to the church, which offers hope for all. 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.

Church School

Today is an opportunity for families to celebrate worship and communion with the entire congregation. Children who attend worship are more likely to continue attending as adults. There is child care for Babies & Toddlers in the Preschool Orange and Blue Doors. Three and four year olds may join in but we recommend that you try them in the service for as long as they can be there. To help you in this endeavor, we have a “PrayGround” set up in front of the chapel where you are welcome to sit in the first row of the chapel and supervise your young ones on the carpets. Regular Church School resumes next Sunday.

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: Music Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:00

Youth Choir: Choir Room (3rd floor) 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

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Reminder for October: The “Best Little Halloween Shop in Greenwich” is open and you are sure to find the merchandise outstanding! Don't wait ... come in soon for the best selections. You will find costumes and other accessories for children, teenagers and adults that will delight all. The supply is plentiful and not to be missed! Be sure you look at the windows as you enter the shop.

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Ladies' blouses; winter boots for all; cookware for the holidays.

Shopping Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 to 5 pm and 10 to 1 pm Saturday.

Donation Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 pm & Saturday 10 to 12:30 pm.

October is the beginning of the 64th year of the Rummage

Room: The Women's Fellowship Mission Statement supports local, national and and international charities. The Rummage Room sales support the charitable efforts of the Women's Fellowship. All proceeds go to women and children's organizations in support of their many needs. A Manager, part-time Assistant Managers and sixty volunteers make all this possible.

Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group will resume on Sunday, October 8th at 11:15 am in the Binney Conference room. For questions about the group, call Dorothy Mueller at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com

Red Cross Blood Drive

The FCCOG Wellness Committee is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 4, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, in the Auditorium. The blood collected by the Red Cross helps millions of patients in over 2,400 hospitals across the country. Please consider donating and help spread the word! We'll have live piano music, and yes of course: deviled eggs. Appointments can be booked by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE or online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp>. To learn more about eligibility, see <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements>. Those that signed up to bring refreshments may leave them in the main floor kitchen. The church building will be unlocked up until 9:30 PM on Tuesday October 3 or after 8:00 AM on the day of the drive. Thank you for reaching out and being God's hands by helping others.

Interested in Learning About Joining First Church?

Our next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 11:20 am in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately an hour and a half and will include lunch. During the class, prospective new members will have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and our church. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. New members will then be received on Sunday, October 22nd. Child care will be provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us. If you

are planning to attend, or you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at ginnyb@fccog.org or 203 637-1791 x 26.

Pizza, Pumpkins, & Play
Saturday, October 21, 5 to 8 pm

Sign up now for our annual Halloween celebration, the fun-for-all Pizza and Pumpkins event. This year “The Big Green Truck” will be bringing their famous pizza. Pizza starts at 6pm but we will open the doors at 5pm for the always exciting pumpkin carving and decorating. So plan to be here and bring your neighbors and friends on Saturday, October 21 from 5 – 8 pm. Fun for all ages. RSVP online at www.fccog.org. Pay at the event: \$20 per adult. \$10 children. \$60.00 maximum per family.

First Church Preschool Open Enrollment

First Church Preschool will be conducting an Open Enrollment for 2018-2019 from October 1, 2017 through October 16, 2017. We will be hosting informational tours of our preschool and new Nature Classroom on October 5th at 9:45 AM and October 12th at 9:45 AM and 7 PM. To sign up for a tour or for more information about our programs and how to register, please contact the preschool at 203-637-5430 or melanieg@fccog.org. Please note, if you are interested in the 2 year old program, your child must be 2 by 12/31/2018.

Hurricane Relief Yoga Classes

Andrea Woodman Osker will be giving yoga classes to benefit the victims of the many hurricanes which have wreaked such havoc. The classes will be gentle in nature. Classes will be held in the Daniels Center at 1:00pm. The dates are Saturdays on October 21, November 18, and December 16th. Live music will be performed by Kevin Makarewicz. Please come and support those who have suffered so! The suggested donation is \$20.00. Please bring a yoga mat. All levels are welcome :-)

Preschool Fundraiser

Help First Church Preschool raise funds for our school by booking your professional photo session today with photographer Jamie Collins! Sessions take place at Greenwich Point beach and nature trails. The photographer’s sitting fee of \$85.00 will go directly to the

preschool; cash or check can be made payable to First Church
Preschool. We appreciate your support!

Photo Session Dates: Sunday, Sunday, October 1st, Saturday,
October 14th Rain dates: October 15th, 28th and 29th

Or simply visit: [https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/
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**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, October 8**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir
O Love, How Deep—Eric Thiman

If with All Your Hearts—Felix Mendelssohn
Drew Seigla, tenor



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