

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2014

11 o'clock in the morning



The First Congregational Church
of Greenwich

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.



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Today, we welcome you to First Congregational Church of Greenwich to join in the glorious celebration of Easter! In this time of worship, we invite you to relax from the stress and care of life to deeply experience the renewing power of God's love. May the music, the words and the company of fellow seekers inspire you with the graceful promise of the Easter message. Christ is Risen, in the world and in our hearts!

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Marche Triomphale

Brass and Organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1939)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Daniel B. England

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Easter morning, we praise God who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

People: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Leader: On this Easter morning we praise God who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

People: Praise God, who takes us by the hand that we may rise with him.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

*‡HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today Arr. Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, with great celebration our hearts rise to greet this glorious morning! We have come through the dark night of doubt to find hope, unexpected joy, and a new courage for living. Fill us with your Spirit on this Easter day. Give us a new sense of your constant presence, that we might face our daily living without fear. Let us be transformed by this miracle of new life into new persons who are filled with your love. In the name of the risen Christ, whose prayer we 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. John W. Collins

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Betsy Kreuter

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

O Most Glorious Lord of Life

The Chancel Choir

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day, didst make thy triumph
over death and sin:*

*And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive,
us to win:*

*This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for
whom thou diddest die,*

*Being with thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin, may live for ever in
felicity.*

*And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for
the same again:*

*And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one
another entertain.*

*So let us love, dear love, like as we ought, love is the lesson which the
Lord us taught.*

(text from Edmund Spenser)

*The day of resurrection earth tell it out abroad; the Passover of
gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory. Amen.*

(text from St. John of Damascus)

SECOND LESSON

Car Westbrook

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

From New Revised Standard Version

*‡SCRIPTURE HYMN

He Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Arr. Mark Schweizer

*Said the angel, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst His three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.*

*Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; all our woes are over now,
Due to passion that He bore—Sin and pain can vex no more.*

*Come, with high and holy hymning,
chant our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking over the purple east: brighter far our Easter feast.*

*He is risen, He is risen! He has opened Heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.*

EASTER MESSAGE

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING AND LENTEN OFFERING APPEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

Hallelujah from Christ on the Mount of Olives

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

*Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright
angelic choirs, In holy songs of joy.*

*Man, proclaim His grace and glory! Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty
Son.*

Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

*DOXOLOGY To the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

Arr. Mark Schweizer

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION AND CHOIR RESPONSE

Choir, Brass, Congregation

Hallelujah (from Messiah) George Friderich Handel (1685-1759)

POSTLUDE

Psalm 18

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Brass Ensemble

Trumpets: Anthony Gorruso, Jim Cifelli

French Horn: Bill Bonnell

Trombones: Steve Shulman, Cliff Haynes

Timpani: Eric Phinney

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday. Your Children are always welcome for the entire service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions.

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.

Easter Flowers and Brass

The decorations in the Meetinghouse this morning and the brass during these festival services are given in joyful and loving memory (M) of, and in honor (H) of:

Paul G. Hudson and George Finch by the Hudson and Finch families (M)

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin G. Ford by April Gurciullo (M)

Mr. Charles W. Ford by April Gurciullo (H)

Leonard, Eleanor and Robert Mawhinney by Carol Mawhinney (M)

Ruth and Lloyd Shawber, Lloyd O. Shawber, and Annette Delmiller by Anne Shawber Stolley (M)

John D. Leinbach by his loving family (M)

Our parents, Stuart Hoskins, and Dorothy and Jerry Friedman, and our grandparents by Don and Frosty Freidman and family (M)

Jessie Larson by Kirk and Karen Young (H)

My parents, Dorothy and John Green; in-laws, Willa and Bill Provoost Sr.; and grandson, John Provoost by Suzanne Provoost (M)

William J. Provoost Jr. by his wife Suzanne, daughter Patti and son Jack (M)

Richmond B. Hopkins by his family (M)

Howard and Nina Flierl, and Art and Marge Billings by Peter and Shirley Flierl (M)

Robert L. Liddel by his wife, Virginia Liddel (M)

Melita and John Magness and Dana Andersen by their family (M)

Joan and Jim Kreuter by their children and grandchildren (M)

Charlie and Bill Robertson by Eric and Betsy Kreuter (M)

John and Betty Briggs by the Kreuter family (M)

Our parents Efraim and Victoria Olson, and Ryan and Margaret Rosendale, and aunt, Erna Nelson by Ken and Erna Olson (M)

Earl S. Moore Jr. by Darlene Moore and family (M)

Marilyn Blair by Susie Baker and Lizzie Baker Wibbelsman (M)

Harrison and Louise Reed by their son, Gifford and Ruth Reed and family (M)

Marian and Fred Hout by Sue Hout Baker, Sara, Charlie and Liz (M)

Catherine G. Weigner by her husband Arthur and sons Ronald and Stephen (M)

John Provoost by Jack, Judy, Michael, Jennifer and David Provoost (M)

Carolyn Paulus and The Youth Choir (H)

Sue, Anne and Bill Denne by Joan and John Denne (M)

Daniel and Lorraine Radosh, Norma Mathis and Don Kuhns by Sandra Radosh (M)

Robert and Joyce Turvey, and Angela Turvey Wyman by Helen Turvey Ingraham and family (Kelsey, Taylor, Colin and Trevor) (M)

Our son, Kim by Harlan and Wendy Reynolds (M)

Brenda Stiers by Harlan and Wendy Reynolds (M)

Our parents Purisima and Feliciano Teria, and Richard and Louise Haviland by Erlinda and Larry Haviland (M)

Mildred Ramsdell by Barbara and Lawrence Hathaway (M)

Frank, Marjorie and Cathy Sherman by Meg Sherman and Charlie Cook and family (M)

Patsy Ryan by Bill and MJ Penwell (M)

My cousin, Gail Kelley Webb by Paul Kretschmann (M)

Family and friends by Diane and Paul Kretschmann (M)

Mildred and Albert Isaacson, and Mary and C.A. Suitts by G. Isaacson (M)

Judy Carey and Jim Callaway by Bob Carey and Libby Callaway (M)

Alvin Wachsman and Jason Arnold by Anne Wachsman (M)

Dr. Clinton Olsen by Eleanore Olsen (M)

Clotilda Swiatek by her children and grandchildren (M)

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Happy Easter! There is no Church School today but it will resume next Sunday, April 27. Child care is available today.

Choir Rehearsals

There are no choir rehearsals today.

THIS WEEK

Nights Off in April

The *Nights Off* Women's Fellowship group will meet tomorrow, **Monday, April 21**, for a movie night. In October we viewed the movie, *Before Sunrise*, which is part of a 3-movie series. Tomorrow we will meet at the home of Sue Asselin at 6:30 pm to watch the second movie in this series, *Before Sunset*. (Greenwich Library will then be showing the third movie of the series, *Before Midnight*, on Friday, May 16 at 8 pm). Please bring along a favorite snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Plan to come and join us, and why not invite a friend to come along too! Any questions, please contact Shirley Flierl at FBTworld@aol.com or 203-629-4939.



2014 FCCOG's Men's Retreat

Join us for the 2014 Men's Retreat this **Friday, April 25** at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road, Greenwich. We will be gathering at 5:30 pm for fellowship, followed by dinner at 7:00 and our fabulous program with Daniel Martin (www.dannymartin.org) at 8:00 pm, ending by 10:00. The cost for the evening is \$25 and all are invited to join us. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 203-637-1791 or to averycoe@aol.com or CWM48@aol.com.

For Moms of Very Young Children

Join our Moms' Group in April. If you have a baby, toddler and/or 2 year old, join us for an opportunity to meet and relax with other moms and their young children. The group meets the second and fourth Friday of every month (next meeting this **Friday, April 25**) from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 104. For more information, contact Kristen Jacks at kmj33z@yahoo.com or 203-344-1961.



NEWS AND NOTICES

Annual Quilt Raffle Tickets on Sale!

Tickets for the 44th Annual Quilt Raffle are available for purchase for **\$5 each**. The drawing will take place at the *Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon* on **Wednesday, May 14** at Noon. You do not need to be present to win. The Kettle Quilters have created a beautiful quilt this year in a version of the classic *Log Cabin* pattern. Tickets are being



sold in the Church Office and an order form is included in the April Meetinghouse Monthly. All proceeds are donated to support charitable organizations that benefit women, children and families.

Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Notice of the Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting/Luncheon - *Wednesday, May 14*, 11:30 am in the Auditorium. Quilt Raffle will take place at Noon followed by a catered luncheon. Our program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of The Rummage Room and will feature Stefanie Kies, musical entertainer. Wear your favorite Rummage Room outfit or accessory! Reservations by check for **\$10.00/person** are a MUST. Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship, Att: Annual Meeting, and send or leave at the Church Office by **Sunday, May 11**. We regret that we cannot accommodate reservations by phone, walk-ins, or reservations without payment.

Happy Easter from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, 203-637-1875

Monday, April 21: Manager Maria will have several categories of merchandise 50% off through *Saturday, April 25*.

Tuesday, April 22: *Today is Earth Day*. The Rummage Room has been 'Green' for almost 50 years ... long before conservation received the attention it does today... and the 3 R's ... *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle* ... has been our policy since inception. The Rummage Room has raised 4 million dollars over the years, which has been distributed to worthy organizations locally, nationally and around the world.

Tuesday, April 29: The annual *Thank You Breakfast for The Rummage Room Volunteers* will be held at 9:00 am in the church auditorium and will be hosted by manager, Maria Dreighe, The Rummage Room committee, and The Allocations committee, all part of The Women's Fellowship.

Shop Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Donation Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday and Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Manager's Wish List: Spring and summer clothing; handbags; jewelry; belts; ties; small furniture.

When one tugs at a single thing in Nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world! -John Muir

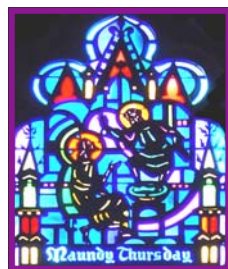
Neighbor to Neighbor Special Collection Request

A Collection barrel/bin remains in the back of the Meetinghouse each week. Neighbor to Neighbor is in great need of several specific items at this time, including: canned fruit (but **not** fruit cocktail or apple sauce); canned meats (such as tuna, Spam, beef stew, ravioli with meat); baby items such as diapers, pull-up diapers, baby lotion, baby wipes, etc.; children's clothing especially sizes 2-6 and 10-12 (but **no** infant clothing); men's pants; shoes for all ages; and bed linens (sheets and blankets; comforters and bedspreads) especially large sizes (even King size which can sometimes be used on smaller beds, too).



Please pick up some extra items when you go to the grocery each week and help those in need.

Holy Week Stained Glass Windows



The Chancel window behind the organ and choir was created by Willet Studios of Philadelphia around 1960. It has spectacularly brilliant stained glass of deep blues and reds, with the interior sections of the glass feature leaded sculptural overlays finished in gold leaf. As the natural light outside the window diminishes in evening, the “sculptured gold” elements come to life inside the meetinghouse. This famous and rarely used technique was invented by Henry Lee Willet in the 1950's so windows can stay interesting for night events.

The full window presents the Christian seasons/holy days. Shown above are the **Holy Week** panels: **Palm Sunday** shows Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. **Maundy Thursday** is represented by Christ washing Peter's feet. **Good Friday** has the crucified Christ with Mary and John. **Easter** shows the risen Christ emerging victorious from the empty tomb carrying a banner.

Please be sure to take a look at these and the other beautiful stained glass windows in our Meetinghouse. For more information about our stained glass windows, please visit our website at:

<http://www.fccog.org/about-us/our-building/our-stained-glass-window-tour/>

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