



The Second Sunday of Easter
27 April 2014

*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.



We warmly welcome you to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this springtime Sunday morning. With the world coming to life all around us, we hope that your spirit is inspired and renewed by your time in worship today. Please join us after worship for our Coffee Hour in the Auditorium. Welcome!

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

‡Seating of latecomers.

PRELUDE

Aria

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
Gaston Dethier (1875-1958)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come before God's presence with singing.

People: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.

Leader: Give thanks to God.

People: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

***‡HYMN**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 185

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Our loving God, we pause from the stress and burden of our daily lives to seek the quiet refreshment of your calming Spirit. In all the places where we have been wounded by life, in our grief and in our sickness, touch us with your healing grace. As we worship today, help us throw off the weight of living to feel the

freedom that your love provides. May we be inspired by Christ's example to be courageous in living lives filled with compassion, that through our lives, the world might know your peace. We pray in Jesus name, 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Donald Haviland

Isaiah 42:5-9

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Go and Tell John

The Chancel Choir

Lloyd Pfautsch (1921-2003)

SECOND LESSON

Stuart McCalley

Luke 6:27-31

“**B**ut I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;

and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”
From *New Revised Standard Version*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rosemary Lamie

*‡HYMN

Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 75

(During the hymn, the Church School children and teachers will leave for their classrooms. Children in second grade and older will leave independently. Children in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers at the back of the Meetinghouse (narthex) and will go to their classrooms as a group.)

SERMON

Spiritual Exercise

Rev. John W. Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Daniel B. England

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Beloved, it is Morn

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano
Florence Aylward (1862-1950)

*A redder berry on the thorn,
A deeper yellow on the corn,
For this good day new born.
Pray sweet for me that I may be faithful to God to God and thee.*

*Beloved, it is day!
And lovers work as children play.
With heart and brain untired always.
Dear love, look up,
look up and pray, pray,*

*Sweet for me,
That I may be faithful to God and thee,
Faithful to God and thee.*

*Beloved it is night it is night,
Thy heart and mine are full of light,
Thy spirit shineth clear and white,
clear and white.*

*God keep thee in His sight,
Pray, Sweet, for me that I may be faithful, faithful to God and thee.*
(Text by Emily Hickey)

***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

***HYMN**

Thine is the Glory

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 193

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the worship service.

There was one additional Easter Memorial Flower/Brass donation:
In joyful and loving memory of my parents, Allan and Carolyn
Colegrove, and my grandparents by Rev. Sally Colegrove.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in our Preschool classrooms. 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.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today most of our children will hear the story of Jesus' post Resurrection appearance on the road to Emmaus. Our third graders will hear that story and others about Jesus' appearances after Easter. Congratulations to two Church School high school volunteers - Charlotte Lorthoir and Charlie Teeters – on their baptisms at the Easter Sunrise Service! Alleluia!

Bible Study

Bible Study returns today at 11:20 am in the Lounge. Please join us, even if you've never attended before. All are welcome. Led by Dan England.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations in Room 203 following today's Worship Service.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals today are: Cherub Choir from 11:30 am to 12 Noon in Room 104, Children's Choir from 11:15 am to 12 Noon in Room 303 (Craig's office) and Youth Choir from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm in the Choir Room.

Annual Quilt Raffle Tickets on Sale Today!

Tickets for the 44th Annual Quilt Raffle are available for purchase for **\$5 each**. Tickets are being sold at Coffee Hour **today**, and each

Sunday leading up to the *Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon* being held on Wednesday, May 14. The drawing for the quilt will take place at Noon. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are also available in the Church Office and an order form is included in the April and May Meetinghouse Monthlies. The Kettle Quilters have created a beautiful quilt this year in a version of the classic *Log Cabin* pattern and all proceeds of the raffle are donated to support charitable organizations that benefit women, children and families.



Tonight at JPF & SPF: Disability Awareness Relay

This team relay is filled with games that give us a glimpse into how difficult every day activities can be if you are born with a disability. It's an exercise in empathy, and those with the best teamwork will leave with the best prizes! Join us!

THIS WEEK

For Moms of Very Young Children

Join our Moms' Group in May. 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 is *Friday, May 9*) 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

New Member Orientation Opportunities

Would you like to explore becoming a member of First Church? Our next New Member Orientation opportunity is on *Sunday, May 4* at 9:00 am in the Lounge (child care will be provided). Then if you choose, you can join the same day during our 10 am worship service. You may RSVP to Ginny Breismeister (ginnyb@fccog.org) or John Collins (jcollins@fccog.org) or call the Church Office at 203-637-1791 if you would like to attend or just drop in. *You will be entering a*

*fellowship of people who will support you, pray for you and care for you.
We hope you will join us.*

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 lunch. Our program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of The Rummage Room and will feature Stefanie Kies, musical entertainer (pictured here). 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.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi with Luis Duarte will be ending on May 1. Luis and his family are returning to Guatemala to be closer to their families. We are so sad to see Luis go. We will miss his kindness, spirituality and inspiration. God speed, Luis!

News from The Rummage Room

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

Monday, April 28: Manager Maria will have two or three categories of clothing and other items 50% off through Saturday, May 3.

Tuesday, April 29: *The Rummage Room Volunteer Thank You Breakfast* will be held in the church auditorium at 9:00 am.

Rummage Room Manager, Maria Drieghe and The Rummage Room Committee will be hosting the breakfast. Please let Maria know you will be coming if you have not signed up already. Call 203 637-1875.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, May 6: *Mother's Day* is Sunday, May 11. You will find a great assortment of clothing and accessories for your mothers, mothers-in-law and grandmothers. Gift certificates are also available in any amount you wish to spend.

Wednesday, May 14 at 11:30 am: The Women's Fellowship Annual

Luncheon and Quilt Raffle. The program will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The Rummage Room this year so be sure and wear your favorite Rummage Room outfit. Put a table together as the more the merrier! Entertainment by Stefanie Keys, a great entertainer and a long-time Rummage Room volunteer.

Wish List for May: Clothing and accessories for Mother's Day; Communion clothing for boys and girls; prom dresses; wedding dresses; mother-of-the bride and mother-of-the groom dresses; handbags; and jewelry ... *ALWAYS need handbags and jewelry!*

Shopping 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.

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me, please?"

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; canned meats; baby items such as diapers, baby lotion, baby wipes, etc.; children's clothing; men's pants; shoes for all ages; and bed linens. Please pick up some extra items when you go to the grocery each week and help those in need.



Next Week at First Congregational Church

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
May 4, 2014**

Music by:

The Chancel Choir

I Am the Rose of Sharon by William Billings

Kyrie from Lord Nelson Mass by Franz Joseph Haydn

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

Rev. Dan England, preaching

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