

*The First Congregational Church  
of Greenwich*

*Celebrating 350 Years  
1665-2015*



*Easter Lilies* by Grace Elaine  
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*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.*



# *Easter Sunday*

5 April 2015

Today, we welcome you to The 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!

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

### PRELUDE

*Solemn Processional*

*Brass and Organ*

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

9 am: *Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

11 am: *Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

## PRAISING GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Christ has risen!*

*People: Christ has risen indeed!*

*Leader: God is alive!*

*People: New birth is given!*

*Leader: Hope is alive!*

*People: A new age is dawning!*

*Leader: Love is alive!*

*People: Death cannot harm us!*

*Leader: We are alive!*

*People: New life is within us!*

*Leader: Christ has risen!*

*People: Christ has risen indeed!*

\*HYMN

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love. Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

EASTER PRAYER (in unison)

9 am: Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

11 am: Elaine Teeters, Senior Deacon

God of all ages and of all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your love that turns sorrow into joy and despair into hope. May the good news of this day inspire us to embody your love and justice that those cries of joy first heard on Easter morning may echo through the centuries to our time and place. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00 am service only)

*Come, Ye Faithful*

*The Youth Choir*

R. S. Thatcher

*Carolyn Paulus, director*

*Vance Briceland, piano*

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;*

*'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal;  
but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.*

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

FIRST LESSON

*9 am: Jean Watkins  
11 am: Pat Larrabee*

**Psalm 118:1-2, 21-24**

**O** give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

ANTHEM

*Alleluia*

*The Chancel Choir  
Randall Thompson (1899-1994)*

SECOND LESSON

*9 am: Joe McBride  
11 am: Helen Ingraham*

**Luke 24:1-12**

**B**ut on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did

not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

\* HYMN

*Sing With All the Saints in Glory*

*Sing with all the saints in glory;  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking.  
Soon the storms of time shall cease.  
In God's likeness we awaken,  
Knowing everlasting peace.*

*Oh, what glory far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it.  
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.*

*Life eternal O what wonders  
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,*

*When amid earth's closing thunders,  
Saints shall stand before the throne!  
O to enter that bright portal,  
See that glowing firmament,  
Know with thee, O God immortal,  
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent."*

**EASTER MESSAGE**

*Skepticism and Awe*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*9 am: Avery C. Manchester*

*11 am: Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**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.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*9 am: Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

*11 am: Elaine Teeters, Senior Deacon*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Christ Our Passover*

*The Chancel Choir*

*William Macfarlane (1870-1945)*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.  
Not with old leav'n, neither with the leaven of malice and  
wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more  
dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once:  
but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.*

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man, for since by man came death:  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without  
end. Amen.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here  
below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*9 am: Rev. Mark D. Montgomery  
11 am: Elaine Teeters, Senior Deacon*

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\* HYMN**

*Thine is the Glory*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.*

***Refrain***

*Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.*

*Refrain*

*No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.*

*Refrain*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hallelujah Chorus*

*Choir, Brass, Congregation*

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare for Easter Day*

*Organ and Brass*

Gerald Bales

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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.*

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*Brass Ensemble*

*Trumpet 1: Anthony Gorusso*

*Trumpet 2: Jim Cifelli*

*Trombone 1: Steve Shulman*

*Trombone 2: Cliff Haynes*

*Percussion: Eric Phinney*

*Organ: Eugene Sirotkine*

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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. On Church School Sundays we also have a class for 3 and 4-year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

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.

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## **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:**

Susan Jordan by her friend, Betty Bonsal (M)

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

Our parents by Pat and Bob Mendelsohn (M)

Joe Browne and Carol Kutzen by Tom and Teri Kutzen (M)

Edward and Esther Coleman by Judy Coleman (M)

Leonard and Jessie Larson, and Jim and Thelma Young by Karen and Kirk Young (M)

Richmond B. Hopkins by his family (M)

My parents, Marjorie and Harry McCarter, and brother, Craig McCarter by Pat McCarter (M)

Earl S. Moore, Jr. by his family (M)

Lois MacDonald by MJ and W.F. Penwell (M)

Our parents and grandparents, Howard and Edmée Schless, and Theodore and Virginia Brown by the Schless Family (M)

Louise and Harrison Reed by Gifford and Ruth Reed (M)

Departed loved ones by the Liddel Family (M)

Family and friends by Diane and Paul Kretschmann (M)

The Oberlins and the Shawbers by Anne Stolley (M)

Jeannette and Larss Stenberg by Linnea Stenberg (M)

My parents, Beth and Sherman Baldwin by Anne Baldwin Castine (M)

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

Gerald Mulhall by the Ghaffari Family (M)

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

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

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

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

William S. Webster by Mary M. Webster (M)

Lilia Rodriguez Schlorff by Daniel Rodriguez Schlorff (M)

Francis Lucier and Wendy Laffan by all their children and grandchildren (we miss you) (M)

John and Betty Briggs by the Kreuter Family (M)

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

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

My mother and father, Ruth and Einer Golin by Nancy York (M)

Carol Sweger by her family (M)

John Clark Chidsey by his mother, Mary Ann Chidsey (M)

Finn, June and Maeve Audrey's maternal great-grandparents, Mae and Herschel McCalley, and Audrey and John Flasch by Sue and Stu McCalley (M)

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

Lorraine and Edmond Miller, and Dr. Peter Neilsen by Richard, Lois, Michael and Laura Miller (M)

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

Lt. Col. C. George Fryback and Nicholas G. Fryback by John W. Fryback and Theresa M. King (M)

Jack Littlefield by Bobby Littlefield (M)

Timothy Richmond, who played trumpet at the Sunrise Service for many years by Barrie Richmond and Barbara Van Buren (H)

Robert and Elizabeth Derr, and Eldon and Verna Rohs by Rick and Marilyn Derr (H)

Finn, June, Gunther and Alta by Ginny and Don Breismeister (H)

Craig Symons and his extraordinary ministry of music, given anonymously (H)

**The decorations in the Meetinghouse this morning  
and the brass during these festival services are given by:**

Janet and Ron Klingner

The Bodensteins

Walter Bloes

Mariann and Anders Ekernas

### Church School

Happy Easter! There is no Church School today but child care is available. Next Sunday, April 12, will, again, be a Service Sunday. April 19 and 26 will be a two week Rotation Program about Communion.

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### NEWS AND NOTICES

#### \* Last Chance! Share your favorite hymns with us! \*

Many folks have asked to sing a favorite hymn of theirs over the past few months, so we came up with a new way to help get your favorite hymn in the service. **When you sign the red attendance pad, put your favorite hymn on the line under your name** (hymnal and hymn number) and we will include it in worship, where appropriate, beginning after Easter. The hymn will be designated in the bulletin by "CC" after the hymn, which means "Congregational Choice."

#### Lenten Offering 2015

*Raise up a child in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not turn from it. ~Proverbs 22:6*

Providing a safe place in which young people can explore who they are and the ways God is working through and with them has long been a goal of those who work with the youngest among us here at First Church. We have sought to raise our children well and our prayer is that we will plant the seeds of faith that will serve them their whole lives. This year, our Lenten Offering seeks to offer that same grace to two communities outside of our church walls: **Silver Lake Conference Center** and **Covenant to Care for Children**. Join us during this Lenten journey as we learn more about the ways we may respond to the need of God's children in the world. More information can be found about both communities in the March Meetinghouse Monthly and in a mailing which you should have received in the mail.



**Happy Easter from The Rummage Room**  
**191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich**

**Sunday, April 5:** Christ the Lord is risen today! Rejoice!

**Monday, April 6:** Manager Maria appreciates all those who sat in the windows on April Fool's Day. And thanks to Barbara Wilkov, Director of Communications for the great publicity. If you have not seen the Easter windows, you are missing a real treat. It's not too late!

**Wednesday, April 22:** Today is Earth Day and who is better at Earth Day than The Rummage Room? Everything in the shop is gently recycled. What The Rummage Room doesn't use is passed on to the Veterans and other organizations in need. As stated in a Native American Proverb, *We do not inherit the land from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.*

**Tuesday, April 28:** Attention Rummage Room Volunteers – have you signed up for the Thank You Breakfast hosted by The Rummage Room Committee and Maria to honor you for a job well done? If not, please do so. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the church auditorium. The church staff is invited so please come one and all. It will also be an opportunity to meet the new Senior Pastor, Richard DenUyl, if you haven't done so already.

**Manager Maria's Wish List:** Spring has arrived (hopefully!) and The Rummage Room needs spring and summer clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories and good bric-a-brac. Please clean out your closets and make your donations of clean, sale-able merchandise soon.

**Shop Hours:** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday & 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday.

**Donation Hours:** 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday & 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday.

*Joy is the simplest form of gratitude to God for the resurrection of His only son. Have a beautiful Easter.*

**Tai Chi Classes**

TRY IT OUT! Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on **Wed** at 8:00 am and **Thurs** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Drop-ins are welcome.

**Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection**

Please don't forget those in need. **Items especially needed are canned meats, such as Spam, chili, etc.** Tuna is **not** needed at this time.

Where to find us:

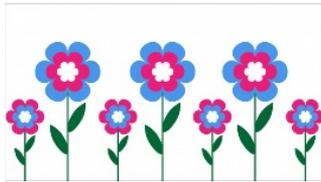
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*Next Week at First Congregational Church*  
10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse  
*April 12, 2015*

*Rev. Avery Manchester, preaching*

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*

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