

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

12 August 2012

10 o'clock in the morning



*UBUNTU from Our Beautiful World and Universe*

<https://www.facebook.com/HanafinLady#!/HanafinLady>



Welcome to this service of worship at First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this summer Sunday.

**Cover Photo: UBUNTU**

An anthropologist suggested the following game to a group of children in a tribe in Africa: He placed a basket full of fresh fruits under a tree. He then said that whoever reached the basket first in a race would be the winner of all the fruits. As he gave the signal to begin the race, the whole group held hands, ran bonded together and then sat and enjoyed the prize together.

When he asked why they had done such thing, when he had offered the possibility to one to be the ultimate winner, they replied: "UBUNTU" -- how could one of us be happy (feel happiness) while the rest are in despair, unhappy?

UBUNTU in the Xhosa culture means: "I am, because we are."

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**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

**PRELUDE**

*Choral, Minuet, and Prayer*  
(from *Suite Gothique*)

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist*

Leon Boëlmann

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. Daniel B. England*

**PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*‡HYMN**

*God, When I Came into This Life*

New Century (black) Hymnal 354

*(Please remain standing for the Opening Prayer through the Gloria)*

**\*OPENING PRAYER** (*In unison*)

Gracious God, as we gather here this morning, we are grateful for the profound peace you bring to us when we come together to worship you. May this time restore us and give us the boldness to share this peace with others. When this peace seems lost or the burden too much, may we find comfort in these words that you have taught us....

**\*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.

**\*GLORIA**

New Century (black) Hymnal 754

*Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Pat Larrabee*

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

**B**ut he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

SOLO

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano*

Albert Malotte

SECOND LESSON

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

\*‡HYMN

*O God of Earth and Altar*

New Century (black) Hymnal 582

SERMON

*"Peace that Passes Understanding"*

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Rev. Daniel B. England*

PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
*All People at This Hour*

*The Summer Choir*  
J. S. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY New Century (black) Hymnal 776  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 12  
*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Felix Mendelssohn  
*Allegro (from Sonata #2)*

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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.

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](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.

**TODAY**

**Church School**

There are no Church School classes from now until Homecoming Sunday, September 16. However, there is Child Care every Sunday in the Preschool. Usually we use the Blue Door Classroom but today we will be in Room 104. Please ask an Usher or Greeter for directions.

**Summer Bible Study**

Join us today in the Lounge following worship for another special Summer Bible Study on the books of 2 Peter and Jude. Led by Dan England.



**Blood Pressure Screening**

A member of the Wellness Committee is available to check blood pressures in Room 203 following the Worship Service.

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**NEXT WEEK**

**Nights Off**

The next gathering of the *Night's Off* women's group will be at Greenwich Point on **Monday, August 20** at 5:30 pm. All women of the church are invited. Please bring an appetizer to share and something you would like to drink. Park at the first parking lot after the Old Greenwich Yacht Club and the Sailing School. We will gather at the first set of picnic tables as you walk up the path. Please contact Shirly Flierl at [FBTworld@aol.com](mailto:FBTworld@aol.com) (put "Nights Off" in the subject) or 203-609-1020 with any questions. It is a great opportunity to meet and chat with other women from the church in this informal setting, so please be sure to join us!



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**NEWS AND NOTICES**

**Friendship Quilt for Michelle and David Young**

We are glad to report that we have reached phase IV of this project, thanks to all the swift stitchers in our midst. The quilt is now on the

frame, ready to be quilted by you. Consider giving a few hours of your time to help us with our project (if you've never quilted before, we shall show you how). Let this be a joint effort. The names of the workers will be listed on the back of the finished quilt. We meet **Monday mornings from 9:00 am to 11.30 am** and **Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9.00 pm** in Room 203. Please call to make sure we are meeting: Call Inge Thalheim 203-637-9614 or Hilary Lawrence 203-637-1214.



### Email Updates

Email is a great way to stay up-to-date with the activities and events going on at FCCOG in between monthly newsletters. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to, please be sure to give your correct email address to Barb Wilkov at [barbaraw@fccog.org](mailto:barbaraw@fccog.org) or 203-637-1791 x24. We have many emails which have been undeliverable for various reasons and would like to update as many as possible. Don't miss out on the latest news! Update your email today.



### Join us at the Beach!

Join us at Greenwich Point on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am for worship (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday. (Note: The last Beach Service will be *Sunday, September 2*, which is a change from what had been announced previously.)

### Summer Choir

Join us any Sunday you are available during the summer at 9:00 am in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal for the music being shared in worship that Sunday. Anyone is welcome.

**August 19:** (two anthems) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, Maurice Bevan; *Sanctus*, Charles Gounod; Christopher Pfund, tenor

**August 26:** *Many Gifts, One Spirit*, Allen Pote



### News from The Rummage Room

**GRAND REOPENING DAY:** *Monday, August 27* at 10:00 am.

While the The Rummage Room has been closed in August, the shop



was emptied and completely restocked with all "new" and wonderful merchandise! Come early and you will be rewarded with an amazing variety of quality goods at pocket pleasing prices. As you may remember, last year Hurricane Irene paid us a visit the day and night before the Reopening! Many had no electricity; streets and



basements were flooded; but in spite of the difficult conditions, The Rummage Room was one little spot in Old Greenwich which had electricity, and you customers came in droves. Because of your

loyalty, The Rummage Room had an excellent day. Manager Maria and volunteers who were there to open the shop that day called it a miracle. It brought to mind a thought that appeared in an earlier bulletin, which read: *Life is a series of thousands of tiny miracles!* Grand Reopening Day and the remainder of the week contribute significantly to the funds that are distributed to support Women's, Children's and Family projects at the end of the year. You are invited to help make another miracle this year!

**Donations:** *Tuesday, August 28* will be the first day The Rummage Room will again be accepting donations. The hours are 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 am to 1:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Donations, which are converted into funding at the cash register, are the foundation of the good works supported by The Rummage Room through The Women's Fellowship. It is our hope that you have been accumulating gently used goods while the shop was closed and you are anxious to drop them off during donation hours.

*When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities;  
when God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities.*

### Tai Chi Fitness with Luis Duarte



Improve your balance, health and well being. Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and

Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at

8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$7 per

class if paid by the month, and \$8 per class for "drop ins." Join us! You'll love it! **All are welcome.**

### Food Collection

A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse, so please contribute food each week. Adding a

few items to your weekly grocery store visit will make a significant difference at Neighbor to Neighbor. Items currently in need are:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- 100% Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Peanut Butter (no larger than 28 oz., please)
- Jelly



If you've forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email [fccoghungermission@gmail.com](mailto:fccoghungermission@gmail.com) with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home and deliver to the Church for Neighbor to Neighbor.

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*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

**Choral Music by The Summer Choir:**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* by Maurice Bevan

**Christopher Pfund, tenor:**

*Sanctus* (from *St. Cecelia Mass*) by Charles Gounod

**Daniel Schlorff, preaching**

Director of Christian Education,

First Congregational Church of Stamford

Student at Hartford Seminary

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**8:00 am Inlc Beach Service – Greenwich Point**

FCCOG's summer Beach Services are a wonderful, casual time  
for worship, communion and community.

Please join us.

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