

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015*

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

23 August 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



*The Beloved*  
Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1865)

*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.*



**W**elcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We hope that this time together brings you to a greater connection to your faith, and from here, a more passionate connection to the world in which we live.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Fugue in D Major*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

#### **FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*Chuck McConnell*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Listen! Do you not hear the Lord speaking to us?*

*People: Rise up dear ones of God! The dark, cold night is over; a  
fresh new day is here.*

*Leader: It is time to lift our voices in praise, along with the rest of  
creation.*

*People: Rise up dear ones of God and join in the song!*

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

\*HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 66

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Holy Spirit, help me to see the beauty  
that I am, without and within.

Help me to love myself, unconditionally, without judgment.  
Your radiance manifests through me and is  
present within me at all times.

My body is Your Temple and a vehicle for Your Work.  
It is, therefore, deserving of love, respect and honor.  
This day, and always, help me to honor my body,  
to love it unconditionally, and to be grateful for its service. Amen.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST LESSON

*Joe McBride*

**Song of Songs 2:8-13**

**T**he voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."  
*From New Revised Standard Version*

ANTHEM

*The Summer Choir*

*I Sat Down Under His Shadow*

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

*I sat down under his shadow with great delight,  
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and his banner over me was love.*

## SECOND LESSON

### 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**D**o you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

#### \*HYMN

*God Reigns O'er All the Earth*    New Century (black) Hymnal 21

#### SERMON

*The Body Beautiful*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

#### ANTHEM

*Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*    Healey Willan (1880-1968)  
*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano, Carolyn Paulus, soprano,*  
*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano, Drew Seigla, tenor,*  
*Vance Briceland, tenor, Craig Symons, bass*

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER (“debts”)

### RESPONDING TO GOD

#### CALL TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

*Arise, My Love, and Come Away*

*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano*  
Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

*Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth.*

*The time for the singing has come!  
The voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
The fig trees are bursting with buds  
And the promise of fruit.  
The grapevines are fragrant with blossoms.  
How delicious they smell!  
Spring is here and my heart is filled with love!  
Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
As a seal upon your arm.  
For love is as strong as death, and passion, fierce as the grave.  
Many waters cannot quench love.  
All the world's riches cannot buy love.*

**\*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**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\*HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 8

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia in C*

J. S. Bach

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*Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the  
Memory Garden (weather permitting) following the worship service.*

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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. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care.

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.

## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### Church School

*Bible Stories at the Beach* will continue at our 8:00 am Beach Service on August 30, September 6 and 13. Although there are no formal Church School classes at this 10:00 am service in the summer, we do have adults and teenagers who can provide activities for your child during worship. These activities take place in the Preschool area and any usher can direct you.

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### THIS WEEK

#### Last *Summer Sings!* of the Season this Wednesday!

Do you miss singing in your choir during the summer months? Then join *Summer Sings!* Come as you are for our last Summer Sings! of the season this *Wednesday, August 26*, from 7:30-9:30 pm and, within these 2 hours, we will share in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of Franz Schubert's *Mass in G Major*. Music will be provided. Hospitality, refreshments, and fun are all included! No sign-up necessary. Just come ready to sing. (Suggested minimum donation of \$5 per person). We will meet in our air-conditioned (!) Meetinghouse. Non-singers are also welcome to enjoy the evening!

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### NEXT WEEK

#### Summer Beach Services

Beach Services are held at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer (through Sept 13), weather permitting. Communion is served every Sunday. Come and join us for this casual service. Summer Church School will also take place at this time down at the

beach, so bring the whole family! If the Beach Service is cancelled due to inclement weather, a notice in red will be posted on our website by 7:30 am and a white piece of paper will be taped to the sermon sign on the church lawn. The 10:00 am service in the Meetinghouse will continue every Sunday throughout the summer.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Caregivers Support Group in September

Due to Labor Day Weekend, our Caregivers Support Group will meet on *Sunday, September 13* from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm in the Binney Conference Room. Normally we meet the 1st Sunday of the month. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister is the group facilitator and can be reached at 203-588-9896 or email: [dorothymueller1@gmail.com](mailto:dorothymueller1@gmail.com).

### News from The Rummage Room

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

#### **The Grand Reopening of The Rummage Room**

**When:** *Monday, August 24*-Doors open at 10 am and close at 5 pm.

**Where:** 191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich.

**What:** *The Biggest Event of the Year!* ALL 'new' merchandise at fantastic prices!!

**Why:** The Rummage Room was established in 1964 by the Women's Fellowship of FCCOG with the intent that ALL proceeds would go to help women, children and families in need locally and throughout the world. Over 4 million dollars has been raised in the last 51 years ... all thanks to customers and donors!

**Tuesday, August 25:** Donations will be accepted again from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. **NEEDED:** Children's clothing; cashmere sweaters; good handbags; attractive jewelry; good bric-a-brac; fall and winter clothing; and large shopping bags.

**Shopping Hours:** 10 am-5 pm M-F, and 10 am-1 pm on Saturday.

**Donation Hrs:** 9:30 am-4:30 pm M-Th; 9:30 am-12:30 pm F-Sat.

**Friday, August 28:** *Open House Reception for Maria* from 10 am-5 pm at The Rummage Room. You are invited to a Farewell Party for retiring Manager Maria Drieghe, hosted by The Rummage Room Committee. Maria joined The Rummage Room as a volunteer in

1995, moved quickly to Assistant Manager in 1996, then to Manager in 2000, and now to her retirement on August 31. She will be greatly missed by her volunteers and her loyal customers. Maria and Nancy Hamilton have won MANY awards for their unbelievable holiday window displays ... all done with donations from customers. The Committee hopes you will come by for punch and cookies to honor Maria and wish her well.

### Tai Chi Classes

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 \$10 per class. Drop-ins are welcome.

*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

*August 30, 2015*

*8:00 am* Beach Service at Greenwich Point

*10:00 am* Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

*Music by The Summer Choir*

*The Secret of Christ* by Richard Shephard

*Rev. Tom Stiers, Guest Preacher*

### *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*

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