

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## Easter Sunday

27 March 2016

9 & 11 o'clock in the morning



GOOD FRIDAY in my heart!  
Fear and affright!  
My thoughts are the Disciples  
when they fled,  
My words the words that priest  
and soldier said,  
My deed the spear to desecrate  
the dead.  
And day, Thy death therein, is  
changed to night.

Then Easter in my heart sends  
up the sun.  
My thoughts are Mary, when  
she turned to see.  
My words are Peter, answering,  
'Lov'st thou Me?'  
My deeds are all Thine own  
drawn close to Thee,  
And night and day, since Thou  
dost rise, are one.

*- Mary Elizabeth Coleridge*

**W**elcome to this Easter Sunday Sunrise Service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. 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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**PRELUDE**  
*Solemn Entry*

*Brass & Organ*  
Richard Strauss (1864-1949)  
*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, Organist*

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*9 am: Rev. Avery C. Manchester*  
*11 am: Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*9 am: Daniel Lepoutre*  
*11 am: Paul Kretschmann*

## 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**

*Fanfare and Hymn*  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Arr. Allen Pote (b. 1945)

**Choir introduction:**

Living Lord and risen Savior,  
Exaltation fills the air.  
Blackest night gives birth to morning  
in a dawning bright and fair.  
Living Lord and risen Savior,  
on this wondrous day of days,  
everywhere your people gather,  
giving You their Easter praise!

**Congregation and Choir:**

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. 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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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

**Choir:**

Living Lord and risen Savior,  
in Your victory we share.  
Yours the triumph!  
Yours the glory!  
You are honored everywhere.  
You have paved the way to heaven.  
You have forged a pathway through.

You have conquered death forever,  
We now live because of You. Amen.

## EASTER PRAYER

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)  
*Hallelujah*

*The Youth Choir*  
Leonard Cohen  
*Daniel Lepoutre, Soloist*  
*Charlotte Lorthoir, Soloist*  
*Gillian Woodman, Soloist*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**FIRST LESSON**

*9 am: Betsy Kreuter*  
*11 am: Jean Watkins*

**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*

**SECOND LESSON**

**John 20: 11-18**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*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

*9 am: Avery C. Manchester  
11 am: Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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: Joe McBride  
11 am: Pat Larrabee*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*On the Third Day*

*The Chancel Choir  
Arr. Allen Pote (b. 1945)*

Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried.

On the third day Christ arose.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth  
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead,  
His kingdom will have no end.

Christ is risen from the dead.  
He is risen as He said.  
He is alive, Alleluia!  
Christ has conquered death and sin,  
died for us our souls to win,  
He is alive, Alleluia!  
On the third day Christ arose!

**\*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**

*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*

*Choir, Brass, Congregation*  
G. F. Handel

**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*

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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:**

Our parents and grandparents with much love Ty, Cyndy, Jay, and Katie Anderson (M)

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

Richard Vogt by anonymous (M)

Emily Lent, Lee Fertig, Alice Holmes, Dick Vogt, Brenda Stiers, and Carolyn Colegrove by Ann Shawber Stolley (M)

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

Our parents, Arthur C. and Catherine G. Weigner by Stephen A. and Ronald C. Weigner (M)

Jeannette & Lars Stenberg by Linnea Stenberg (M)

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

Joan and Jim Kreuter by the Kreuter family (M)

John and Betty Briggs by the Kreuter family (M)

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

All those family members who brought such joy into our hearts by the Walter J. Hoffman and H. "Pete" Kneen families (M)

My family by Virginia Liddel (H)

Family members who have passed away by Bobby Littlefield (M)

My parents, Louise and Harrison Reed, by Gifford Reed and his family (M)

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

Richmond B. Hopkins by his family (M)

My parents, Ruth and Einar Gulin by Nancy York (M)

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

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

Carol G. Sweger by her family (M)

My son, Josh C. Chidsey by Mary Ann Chidsey (M)

Charles J. Veith IV by his sister, Linda Veith Glover (M)

William Christopher Penwell by MJ and M.F. Penwell (H)

Kimberly Dawn Pacent, our beautiful daughter and sister by Paul, Karen and Nicole Pacent with all our love (M)

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

Kimberly Dawn Pacent by Susan and Richard Gilbert (M)

Marge & Art Billings and Nina & Howie Flierl by Shirley Billings Flierl & Peter J. Flierl (M)

My father and sister, Eric & Susan Robertson by Lynn Robertson (M)

Gordon Bush, an extraordinary musician and friend, by Diane & Paul Kretschmann (M)

Our parents, Elmer & Lile Rasmuson and Jack & Marian Gibbons by Lile & John Gibbons (M)

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

Melita & John Magness and Dana Anderson by their family (M)

Rick Woodman by Gillian and Stephanie Woodman, and Carolyn Paulus (M)

Our parents and grandparents by the Schless family (M)

Our parents, Anna & Robert Maclea, and Nadean & Elmer Hirth by Carolyn & Bob Maclea (M)

Paul G. Hudson and George Finch by Jane Finch and family (M)

Lt. Col. C. George Fryback and Nicholas G. Fryback by the Fryback Family (M)

My parents, Allen & Jean Balch by Deborah Balch LaCivita (M)

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## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### **Church School**

There are no Church School classes today as we will worship together as we celebrate the joy of Easter! Even our three and four year olds are welcome in worship but if necessary, they are also welcome in child care. Church School will resume on April 3.

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### THIS WEEK

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Easter Monday.

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### NEWS AND NOTICES

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The FCCOG Wellness Committee is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday April 6, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We're looking for volunteers to make refreshments or play the piano, so please sign up at

coffee hour, or contact Betsy Kreuter at 637-3069 or Sue Asselin at extension 21. And as always, blood donors are very much appreciated and appointments can be booked by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Thank you for reaching out and being God's hands by helping others.

### **Night's Off Read**

Night's Off is meeting on Monday, March 28th, 6:30 PM at the home of Kathy Riley for an evening full of fellowship and jeopardy. Please bring whatever you would like to drink and a contribution to our potluck dinner. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Shirley Flierl, or Kathy Riley. As always, all are welcome - "walk-ins" and guests appreciated!

### **Hats Off Book Study Group**

Our book study group, "Hats Off" has selected *Americanah, A Novel* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie for its first spring read. We are very fortunate that Meghan Young, our Transitional Associate Pastor, will be our guest discussion leader. We begin this book on Thursday, March 31st in the Binney Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

Please reserve your copy with our Greenwich Library or call Jean Bruder, 203-661-1685, to order a copy. *Americanah, A Novel* was Greenwich Library's selection for "Greenwich Reads Together" this year.

### **Youth Mission Trip: Help us get there!**

The FCCOG high school youth group is headed to West Virginia with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) to repair homes for low-income family in the heart of Appalachia. We believe that God calls us to love our neighbors, and so we're doing just that. Please consider becoming a sponsor and donating to our trip. For more information visit: [j.mp/YouthMissionTrip](http://j.mp/YouthMissionTrip) or stop by our table during coffee hour.

### **Recommended Reading**

Looking for your next good read? Rev. Avery C. Manchester has recommended some thought-provoking books that are available for sale in the Church Office. These books include: *What the Mystics*

*Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self, and Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*, both by Richard Rohr; and *On America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, by Jim Wallis.

### Read Scripture at FCCOG

One of the ways we experience the holy is through the reading and receiving of scripture. Help us bring the stories of our faith to life and consider sharing your gifts in worship by reading our weekly scripture lessons. For more information and to sign-up, please email Pat Larrabee.

### News from The Rummage Room

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**EASTER SUNDAY:** March 27 - Hallelujah, Christ has Risen -

**Monday, March 28:** See Manager Leanne's 50% off specials on the church's website.

**Thursday, April 1:** APRIL FOOL' DAY: Live mannequins in the windows from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be 16 mannequins in all throughout the day. Come by and see if you can get them to move, but remember, you may be the one who gets the surprise!

**Leanne's Wish List for the week:** Good Jewelry; good bric-a-brac; and women and men bikes.

**Shop Hours:** 10 am to 5 pm Mon - Fri. & 10 am to 1 pm Sat.

**Donation Hours:** 9:30 am to 4:30 am Mon -Thurs. & 9:30-12:30 Fri-Sat.

**Thought for Eternity:** There will never be another act of love so pure, or a triumph so celebrated as the humility of the cross and the miracle of the empty tomb. Christians celebrate Easter but they do so out of a strong faith that Christ was truly raised from the dead. As the risen Jesus said to Doubting Thomas in the Gospel of John: *"Because you have seen me Thomas, you have believed. But blessed are those who have not seen me, yet still believe."*

### 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.

Neighbor to Neighbor - Collection Barrel at Entrance to Church  
Items especially needed are dry beans (kidney, garbanzo, etc.) Also,  
cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels.  
Tuna is **not** needed at this time.

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