

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 July 2012

10 o'clock in the morning



We warmly welcome you to Summer Worship here at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. May our time together be blessed with the relaxing peace of this season, and may God's graceful Spirit fill your heart with joy.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Suite on the Second Tone

Plein Jeu

Duo

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

Please sign and pass the red book.

PRAISING GOD

***‡HYMN**

God of Our Fathers

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 433

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Leader: We worship you O God, our dwelling place in all generations.

All: We worship you O God, who called the worlds into being.

Leader: We worship you O God, for the constancy of your love.

All: We worship you O God, for the wisdom of compassionate service.

Leader: We worship you O God, with hearts open to your word.

All: We worship you O God, and invite your Spirit into our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God, as we come together for worship on this summer morning, we thank you for the grace which redeems us, for the mercy which surrounds us, for your Spirit which

empowers us, and for your promises which give us hope. May our worship together refresh our hearts with gratitude. May our minds flood with peace, and may our souls deepen in awareness of your presence. Amen.

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

Olivia Hartwell

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

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The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

A Choral Fanfare for a Patriotic Occasion

The Summer Choir

Mark Schweizer

SECOND LESSON

Olga Hartwell

Matthew 5: 38-45

“**Y**ou have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

*‡HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 440

(As the hymn begins, the Church School children will leave for Summer Church School with Rosemary.)

SERMON

“Both Sides of the Fence”

Rev. John W. Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

The Summer Choir

Irving Berlin

Arr. Roy Ringwald

***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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (*seated*)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

We thank you, O God, for these moments of communion with you and each other. By these actions, we have renewed our commitment to bear your name and to follow you wherever you lead us. O Lord God, your great name be praised. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN**

God Bless America

Choir:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

All:

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, My home sweet home.
From the mountains, to the prairies,

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. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Calendar

TODAY

Summer Church School

Summer Church School continues today. We meet in a one-room schoolhouse format with children 4/5 – 9/10; younger children are welcome in child care and older children are needed to help. You can meet your children after worship in the Preschool.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN is available in Room 203 after the Worship Service. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.

Summer Choir

A new option for Summer Choir is available on the first Sunday of July and August. On those Sundays, anyone who would like an extra rehearsal of the anthems for that month is welcome to meet in the Choir Room following church from 11:30 am -12:00 noon. So join us *today* to get a jump-start on the anthems for the month of July. Everyone is welcome to join the Summer Choir!

The anthems for July are:

July 8: A Prayer of St. Columba, Richard Shepherd

July 15: O Savior of the World, John Goss

July 22: My Song in the Night, Arlen Clarke

July 29: All Things Bright and Beautiful, John Rutter

THIS WEEK

4th of July Fireworks and Popcorn!

Nothing says summer like fireworks on the 4th of July! Add in a little popcorn, and the day could just be perfect.



Join us on the front lawn of FCCOG this *Saturday, July 7* (rain date, Sunday, July 8)! We will hand out free popcorn to those who are a part of the festivities! Would you like to volunteer to

help? Contact Mark at the church.

NEXT WEEK

Church Hall Meeting

The Church Committee and Board of Trustees would like to invite you to our second Church Hall Meeting, which will be held next *Sunday, July 8*. Topics will include updates on the recommendations of the three Task Forces – Pastor Housing and Compensation, Governance, and Welcoming – and the process for initiating the search for our permanent Senior Pastor. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for discussion of topics of interest to members of the congregation. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium following the 10:00 am worship service.

Summer Wonderful Wednesday BBQ

Something NEW! Bring the picnic to FCCOG on Wednesday, July 11, 6:00-8:00 pm. We have the grill – bring your own dogs, brats, burgers, etc. Bring a side dish to share. We'll have dessert and Sunday morning lemonade for the kids.



Bring anything else your family would like for their dinner. We'll meet on the lawn and the Memory Garden patio; rain or shine. Come anytime! There will be games for the kids. Visit

with friends and make new ones! (Please note: no alcoholic beverages can be consumed on church property).

NEWS AND NOTICES

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.

News from The Rummage Room

Welcome to July:

Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3: 50% off all items Red, White and Blue. Manager Maria will designate three or four other categories as sale items for the week.

Wednesday, the 4th of July: The Rummage Room will be closed. Enjoy your Holiday. Play safe and stay safe.

Thursday, July 5: Hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7: Hours are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. (Summer hours).

Manager's Wish List: Summer clothing donations are needed. Please take a moment to clean out your closets this week! Also needed are bikes for all ages, floor lamps, handbags, bric-a-brac, a small coffee maker, a baby stroller, and a small microwave.

Saturday, July 21 will be the **last** day for donations **until** Tuesday, August 28 at 9:30 am.

Saturday, July 28: The Rummage Room will close at 1:00 pm and will remain closed until Reopening Day, **Monday, August 27** at 10:00 am. **Please do not leave donations outside The Rummage Room between the closing date and the reopening in August.**

Unfortunately all items will go into the dumpster during that time. Thanks.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 but because of her incarceration, she wasn't presented this prize until June 16, 2012. *Absolute peace is an unattainable goal but it is one towards which we must continue to journey, our eyes fixed on it as a traveler in a desert fixes his eyes on the guiding star that will lead to salvation.*



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) and Jelly. If you’ve forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email 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.

Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Choral Music by The Summer Choir:

A Prayer of St. Columba, Richard Shepherd

Adagio from *Concerto in A Major*, W.A. Mozart;

Peter Russell, clarinet

Rev. Dan England, preaching

8:00 am linc 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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Wednesday July 11

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