

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

12 July 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



*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.*



Welcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We pray that this time of worship may bring you a greater sense of peace and a deeper awareness of the presence of God in your life.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Litany

Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

Charles Callahan

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Sue McCalley

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.

Leader: Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.

People: Sorrow befalls us;

Leader: Troubles besiege us;

People: The prophets of God disturb us,

All: Yet we live supported by God's love.

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 8

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

God of Life, who bears changes within our souls like the flowing of the tides, we ask your great and gracious presence with us. We your children call upon you and ask that you hear us. We, who

have known hurt and healing, the agony of losses and the sheer pleasure of reunion and celebration, ask you to celebrate with us now. Help us to feel the steady rhythm of your presence from deep within us. Help us sense the gathering of your body all around us. Share your life with us, for we need you, and we know how liberating life can be when your Spirit fills us with your powerful love. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

Isaiah 53:1-5

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

The Summer Choir

Thomas Tallis

SECOND LESSON

Virginia Richards

Mark 6:1-6

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the

synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

From *New Revised Standard Version*

***HYMN**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 150

SERMON

Rejection

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*“debts”*)

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Air from Water Music

George Frideric Handel

***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

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 63

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

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

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in celebration of the birth on June 19 of Julia Lucille Richmond, daughter of Tim and Karen Richmond, granddaughter of Barrie Richmond and great-granddaughter of Barbara Van Buren, by the entire family.

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

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today we continued *Bible Stories at the Beach* at our 8:00 am Beach Service. There are no beach services next Sunday, July 19 (Founders'

Day celebration in the Meetinghouse at 10:00 am) and Sunday, July 26 (Greenwich Triathlon at Greenwich Point). We will continue this program on August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6 and 13. Although there are no formal Church School classes at this 10:00 am service in the summer, there is Child Care and a resource center with books and games if your older children need a break. There are usually adults and high school students to supervise your children or you are welcome to be with them.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. If our Fellowship Hour is held outside, Sue will be in the Memory Garden. If held inside due to the weather, Sue will be available in the Church Office.

Caregivers Support Group in July

Our Caregivers Support Group is meeting **today** from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, is the group facilitator and can be reached for more info at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK

350th Founders' Day Celebration Next Sunday!

Don't miss the celebration **next Sunday, July 19!** Bring the whole family to this re-creation of a 17th Century worship service. There will be 350th activities for children (ages 2-22!), singing, fun historical facts, and a special photo op, too. First Selectman Peter Tesei will be on hand to read the official Founders' Day Proclamation. Period costumes are optional, but definitely encouraged! And after the service, stick around for lobster rolls on the front lawn, specially prepared by our own Rev. DenUyl! There will also be free hot dogs for the kids (or those who don't eat lobster). Purchase your tickets for the lobster roll lunch (\$10/person) **today** during Fellowship Hour. Tickets can also be purchased in the Church Office. The

deadline for RSVPs or ticket purchase is **tomorrow, Monday, July 13**. Bring the whole family and invite your friends and help us celebrate this momentous occasion!

Summer Beach Services

Beach Services are held at 8 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer, weather permitting (Note: There is no Beach Service on July 19 due to Founders' Day and July 26 due to the Greenwich Triathlon). 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 am service in the Meetinghouse will continue every Sunday throughout the summer.

Summer Choir – All Welcome!

Please join us on Sunday mornings through the summer, starting at **9:00 am in the Meetinghouse** for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being done that Sunday. Come any Sundays that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship! It's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 22).

THIS WEEK

Job Opening – Manager of The Rummage Room

With the retirement of Maria Drieghe at the end of August, The Rummage Room, the non-profit retail shop in Old Greenwich, run by The Women's Fellowship of First Church, is seeking a **full-time Manager**. This position manages all the day-to-day operations of The Rummage Room, including the volunteers, staff, store, donated merchandise, finances, window displays, and outreach effort to the Old Greenwich merchants and shoppers. The Rummage Room is the visible face of the church and its outreach efforts in the community. Prior retail and managing experience is required. The ideal candidate will possess an outgoing personality, have excellent interpersonal skills, and be computer savvy. If you or anyone you

know would like to apply for this position, resumes should be submitted by this **Wednesday, July 15** via email to marcianchuck@yahoo.com or mailed to: The Rummage Room Committee, The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870. The complete job description can be viewed on the First Church website at www.fccog.org/manager-of-the-rummage-room/.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Youth Volunteers Needed at The Rummage Room in August!

The Rummage Room is in need of some youth volunteers to help with restocking and cleaning out during the month of August. The dates are **August 1, 7 and 10**. If you can help out, please call Maria at The Rummage Room at 203-637-1875 or email her at mjdrieghe@gmail.com. You'll be doing a good thing!

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

CALENDAR FOR JULY:

Monday, July 13: See Maria's 50% off sales for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Saturday, July 18: *Last Day for Donations until Tues, August 25!*

Mon, July 27-Wed, July 29: *Everything* in the shop will be 50% off.
Maria's Famous Bag Sales:

- **Thurs, July 30:** Fill a paper bag for \$12. 10 am-5 pm.
- **Fri, July 31:** Fill a paper bag for \$8. 10 am-1 pm.
- **Sat, August 1:** Fill a paper bag for \$1. 10 am-1 pm.

Wish List for July: Good handbags; jewelry; men's and women's watches; cashmere sweaters; good bric-a-brac; fall and winter clothing. Also, need large shopping bags for Reopening Day.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST:

Sat, Aug 1-Mon, Aug 24: The Rummage Room will be closed for restocking. *Please do NOT leave donations while the shop is closed!*

Mon, August 24: The Rummage Room will celebrate its 51st **Grand Reopening** - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, August 25: First day for donations 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

July Shop Hours: 10:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm Fridays & 10:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturday.

Donation Hours through Sat, July 18: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday & 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Friday & Saturday.

A Thought for Summer Sundays: *If Dorothy could click her heels and be back in Kansas, then we should be able to click our flip flops and be at the 8:00 am Beach Services!*

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 – 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. Also, cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels.

Where to find us:

www.fccog.org

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Founders' Day – Sunday, July 19
10 am Worship Service
followed by Lobster Roll Lunch



Please join us for a special 350th celebration on Founders' Day!

An “Olde Tyme” Worship Service in the Meetinghouse followed by lobster rolls, specially prepared by our own Rev. DenUyl, on the lawn.

Display of historical artifacts, period costumes, games for children.

Full luncheon includes lobster roll, cole slaw, chips, beverage, dessert.

Tickets \$10/person
(free hot dogs for children)

RSVP by *July 13* to Church Office at 203-637-1791 or barbaraw@fccog.org.
Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office, at Coffee Hour or the Beach Service.

Bring the Family! Invite Your Friends!
As we celebrate 350 years of being “Ever Faithful, Ever Present.”



Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

July 19, 2015

350th Founders' Day

No Beach Service next week.

10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

Lots of surprises! Don't miss it!

Rev. Richard DenUyl, preaching

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