

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

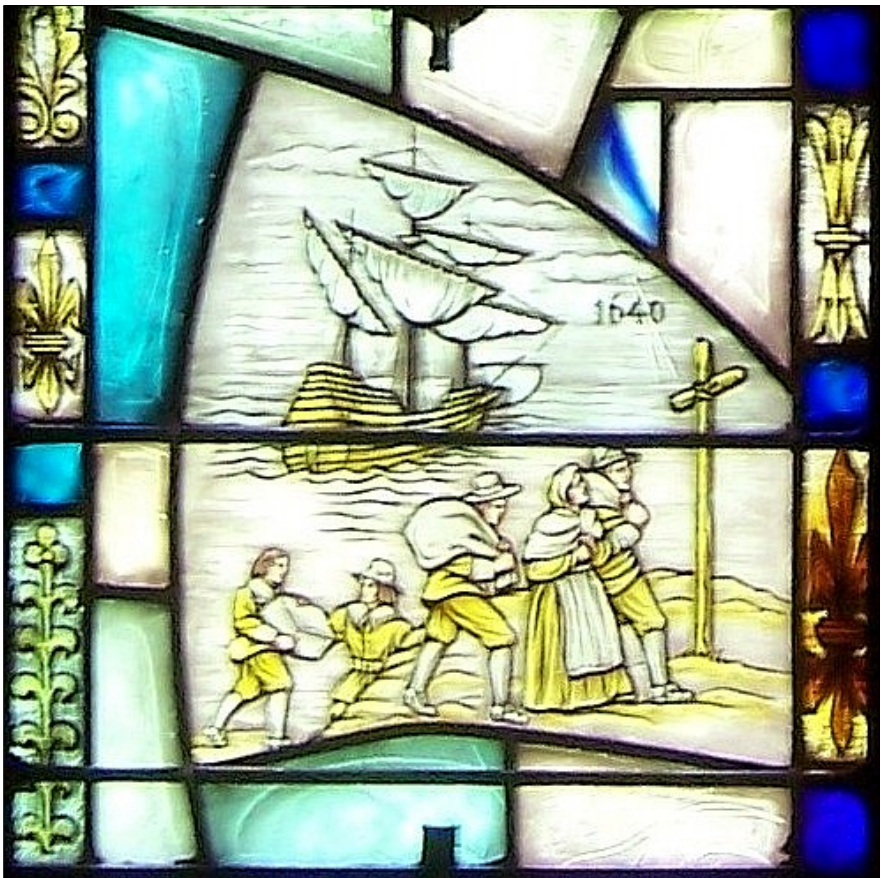
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
14 July 2013
10 o'clock in the morning

Celebrating Greenwich Founders Day



The landing in 1640 of the first settlers of Greenwich

So on May 11, 1665 at a meeting of the General Court in Hartford with Governor Winthrop presiding, Greenwich was granted a charter:

“Upon ye motion and desire of ye people of Greenwich this court doth declare that Greenwich shalbe a Township intire of itself provided they procure and maintaine an Orthodox minister and in the meane time and until yt be effected they are to attend ye ministry at Stamford and contribute proportionably with Stamford to ye maintenance of the ministry there.”

*The First Three Hundred Years –
The History of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT*



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 our service of worship here at First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Today we celebrate Greenwich Founders Day and welcome Peter Tesei, our First Selectman, who will read the Founders Day Proclamation. We hope that your spirit will be touched and inspired by our time together, and we invite you to join us in our Memory Garden for Coffee Hour following worship.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

‡Seating of latecomers.

PRELUDE

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Daniel B. England

PROCLAMATION

*Peter Tesei,
First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich*

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's touch of hope meets us in unexpected places.

People: God's touch of kindness walks toward us when we are most alone.

Leader: God's touch of healing reaches down into the depths of our souls.

People: We come to this place to be touched by God's love and surprised by God's grace.

***‡HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

New Century (black) Hymnal 31

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we gather today to thank you for creating the world and all living creatures. We come seeking the light of your Spirit and to live together as the people of Christ. Give us the strength to honor our covenant with you, that our souls might be restored in moments of doubt. Grant us the courage and insight to be the presence of Christ's grace to all we meet, and grant us your peaceful blessing as we journey through our lives. We ask, as always, in Jesus' name who taught us to pray saying,

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

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

From *NRSV*

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

God is a Spirit

The Summer Choir

William Sterndale Bennett (1816-1875)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

From *NRSV*

*‡HYMN

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

New Century (black) Hymnal 531

SERMON

When the Time Comes

Rev. John W. Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Daniel Schlorff, bass
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

*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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 345

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Grand Choir Felix Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

*Please join us for Coffee Hour following the worship service.
Weather permitting, we will meet in the Memory Garden.*

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

Special for Founders Day

The Historical Committee will have a display today during Coffee Hour of some of the historical artifacts of the church, as well as free copies of our *The First Three Hundred Years* book on the history of our church. Be sure to stop by.

Church School

Summer Church School (*Bible Stories at the Beach*) will be held at the 8:00 am Beach Service throughout July (and the first two weeks of September). **At the 10:00 am service** we have Child Care for infants through 4 years old. If you have questions or concerns about your child in worship, please confer with the adult in charge in the Undercroft. Ushers are able to direct you. Also, Church School teachers are still needed for the 2013-2014 program year. Please contact Rosemary Lamie at 203-637-1791 x 20 or RosemaryL@fccog.org for more information or to sign up.



linc has moved to the Beach for the summer! Our 5:00 pm service is done until the fall, but *linc* is now taking place at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point weather permitting. Be sure to join us!

THIS WEEK

Nights Off Women's Group

Nights Off will meet tomorrow, *Monday, July 15* at Greenwich Point. For anyone who is in town and interested, please meet us at 6:00 pm at the beach for a great time to socialize and catch up on what everyone is doing this summer. Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Look for the group at the first picnic table after going around the point past the Yacht Club and the sailing school. All women of the church are welcome to come and, as always, please feel free to bring a friend!

NEXT WEEK

Summer Choir

Please join us on Sunday mornings this summer at 9:00 am in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal for the music being done that Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come before the start of the service to learn a simple anthem. 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).



NEWS AND NOTICES

Hymn Sing on July 28

It's been a few years since we've done a Hymn Sing at the beginning of worship, so start thinking of your favorite hymn now. On *July 28* we will sing 5-6 of your favorite hymns. You know the drill...simply call out your hymn and we will sing a verse or two!

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, July 15 through July 20: 50% off merchandise designated by Manager Maria on Monday morning for the week.

Saturday, July 20: Last day for donations until Tuesday, August 27 at 9:30 am. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS WHILE THE SHOP IS CLOSED.

Thursday through Saturday, July 25, 26 and 27: ALL merchandise 50% off.

Monday 29 through Wednesday July 31: BAG SALES BEGIN:

Monday: Each filled bag \$12. *Tuesday:* \$8/bag. *Wednesday:* \$1/ bag.

Wednesday, July 31: The Rummage Room closes at 5:00 pm and will not open again until Monday, August 26.

Wish List for July: Electric fans; small furniture; bikes for all ages; musical instruments; good jewelry, including watches; cashmere sweaters; and handbags really needed for Opening Day, please!!!!

Shopping Hours: Monday through Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Fridays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Donations Hours: Monday through Thursdays 9:30 am to 4:30 pm; Fridays 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; and Saturdays 9:30 to 12:30 pm.

NOTE: The shop will hold its 49th Grand Reopening on Monday, August 26 at 10:00 am.

We cannot possibly kindle a fire in any other heart until and unless it's burning in our own! -Anonymous

Summer 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 **Thursdays** at 9:00 am throughout the summer.

(Wednesday morning classes will return in the fall). 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

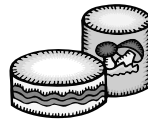
There continues to be great need for food at Neighbor to Neighbor.

Please remember to contribute each week. The Food Collection

Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse. At this time,

Neighbor to Neighbor is in particular need of:

- canned fruit
- canned meat (i.e. chili, Spam)
- peanut butter (18 oz.)
- jelly (18 oz.)
- cereal
- soup



Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Music by:

The Summer Choir

The Joys of Life by Robert J. Powell

Carolyn Paulus, soprano

Come, Ye Blessed by John Prindle Scott

Rev. Dan England, preaching

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get connected **smiling** *Beach Service*

Beach Services are held each Sunday at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). Communion is served. Come and join us for this casual service.

Bible Stories at the Beach, our Summer Church School, also takes place at this time down at the beach, so bring the whole family!

The 5:00 pm *linc* service will resume in the fall.



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