

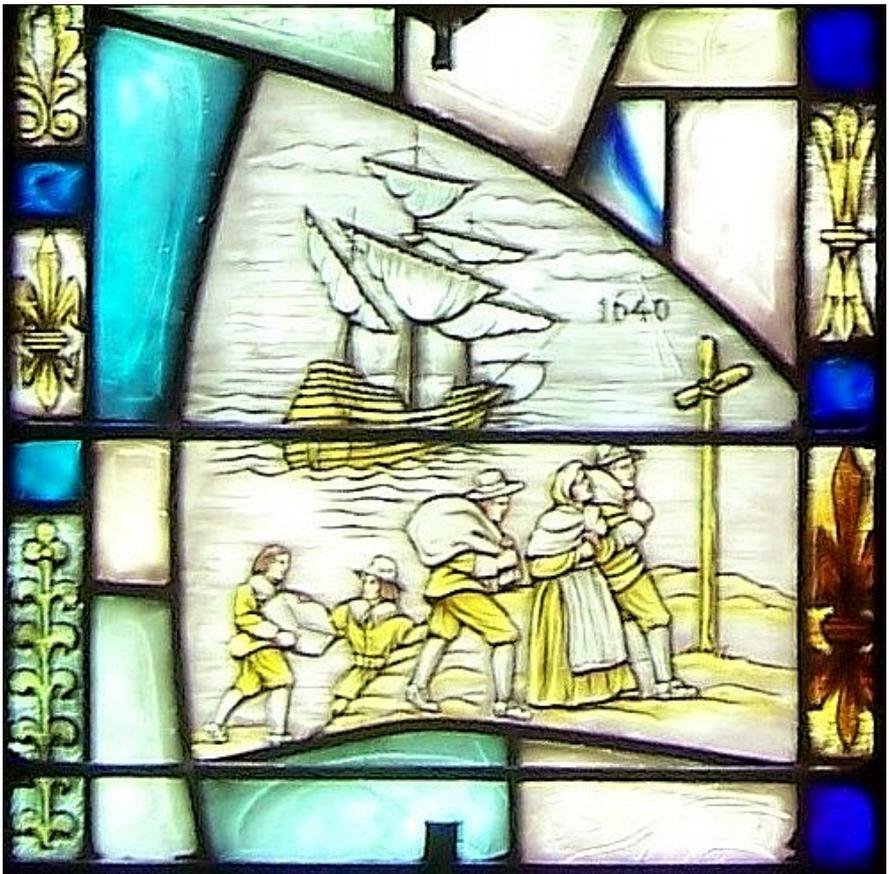
*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

*Celebrating Greenwich Founder's Day
Sunday, July 19, 2015
10 o'clock in the morning*



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*

Welcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Today we celebrate Greenwich Founder's Day and welcome Peter Tesei, our First Selectman, who will read the Founder's Day Proclamation. We hope that your spirit will be touched and inspired by our time together, and we invite you to join us for lunch following worship.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Allegro for Oboe and Piano
Dorothy Darlington, oboe
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano
Alessandro Marcello (1673-1747)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

PROCLAMATION

Peter Tesei,
First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE

CONCH SHELL

Jeff Aselin

***HYMN**

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

*O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.*

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*in unison*) *Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

Praise to you, O God, for the gift of your church: From humble beginnings in private homes, to cathedrals that grace skylines around the world, for the thousands of smaller congregations that dot every city and town across America. Praise to you, O God, for the faithful: For first century martyrs and mystics. For theologians, poets and musicians of every age. For people of all backgrounds and beliefs, who gather on Sunday morning to give thanks for your justice, forgiveness and peace. Praise be to you, O God, for The First Congregational Church of Greenwich: An ever present, ever faithful congregation that, for 350 years, has been a beacon of faith, hope and love to the town and beyond; a congregation who in our laughter and play, our work and prayer, seek to weave your Spirit into the beauty and the mundane of everyday life. Be with us now, Great God, as we honor the past, celebrate the present and lean into the future. All of this we pray in Jesus' name, and we pray together as he taught us saying,

LORD'S PRAYER ("*debts*")

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 146

Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Men: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Women: I will praise the Lord as long as I live and will sing praises to my God all my whole life long.

Men: Do not put your trust in mortals, the powers of this world, for they are no help, when their breath departs, they return to the earth like everyone else and on that very day their plans perish.

Women: Happy are those whose help and hope is in the Lord our God who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and who keeps faith forever.

Men: For it is the Lord our God who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Women: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

Men: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked the Lord will bring to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever and our God for all generations. I will indeed praise the Lord with my whole life.

ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

Almighty and Everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE EARLY NEW ENGLAND CHURCH SERVICE

Pat Mendelsohn

SOLO

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

Religion

Charles Ives (1874-1954)

*There is no unbelief.
And day by day and night by night,
unconsciously, the heart lives by faith the lips deny.
God knows the why.*

PILGRIMS AND INDIANS

Barbara Norrgard

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

New Century (black) Hymnal 547

THE TITHINGMAN

Joe McBride

*PSALM

Psalm 148

New Century (black) Hymnal 721

THE ROLE OF THE PARSON

Bobbie Hopkins

DUET

Allegro for Flute and Oboe

Mary Fike flute
Dorothy Darlington, oboe
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

THE ROLE OF THE DEACON

Rick Woodman

DUET

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Carol Woodman, soprano
Thomas Woodman, bass
Harry Rowe Shelley (1858-1947)

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, the transport of delight with which my cup o'er floweth.*

*And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.
Amen.*

FCCOG CHURCH POLITY EARLY 20TH CENTURY

Carolyn MacLea

CALL TO OFFERING

Phil Bradford

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Turn Thy Face from My Sins

The Summer Choir

Thomas Attwood (1783-1856)

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

Drew Seigla, tenor

*Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

***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**

Pat Larrabee

***HYMN**

God of Grace, and God of Glory

New Century (black) Hymnal 436

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Mary Fike, flute
Allegro from Sonata #2 Johann Christoph Pepusch (1667-1752)

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Please join us as we continue our Founder's Day celebration with lobster rolls, hot dogs, and fun in the Memory Garden and on the front lawn (weather permitting) following the worship service.

Notes about Today's Readings: The six readings in today's service were gathered from multiple sources, including largely, *The Sabbath in Puritan New England* by Alice Morse Earle; Frederick Buechner's *The Clown in the Belfry*, and the Church Committee Minutes of FCCOG.

Musical Notes: All of the musical selections today are from various centuries that our congregation has lived through. All of the choral and vocal selections are by American composers, from each century, and particularly Charles Ives, who was a resident of Danbury, and Harry Shelley Rowe, who was born in New Haven.

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

Rev. DenUyl Will Be on Vacation July 20-August 11

During this time, Sue Asselin will be the 24/7 point person for all hospital visits and emergencies. She will check messages, do hospital visits and contact Rev. DenUyl directly if there is a death or requested memorial service via Donna or a family. Sue can be reached at 203-637-1791 ext. 21 or susana@fccog.org.

Church School

There is **no** beach service next Sunday, July 26 due to the Greenwich Triathlon at Greenwich Point. We will continue *Bible Stories at the Beach* at our 8:00 am Beach Service 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, 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.

THIS WEEK

Nights Off Women's Group

Weather-permitting, the *Nights Off* Women's Group will meet tomorrow, *Monday, July 20* 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 after going around the point past the Yacht Club and the sailing school. We will gather at one of the picnic tables along the water, so just start down the path from the parking lot and look for us. All are always welcome to our *Nights Off* gatherings. Please join us and bring a friend along!



NEXT WEEK

Summer Beach Services

Beach Services are held at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer, weather permitting (**Note:** There is **no** Beach Service next Sunday, 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 10:00 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).



NEWS AND NOTICES

The New Binney Conference Room

Some of you may have already had a meeting or been to Kettle Quilting in the new Binney Conference Room, but, if not, it's up where Kirk Young and Mary Babbidge used to sit (Mary is now in George's old office). You can get to it by going up the stairs right outside of Donna's office, turning left at the top of the stairs and going to the end of the hall. It's a great space with a bird's eye view of Forest Avenue!



Binney Conference Room

Casting Call – Literally!

Do you love to cook? Would you like to be on TV? Would you like to represent First Church? We were contacted by JS Casting out of NYC who are currently casting talented home cooks for the “**Ultimate Church Cooking Competition!**” Teams from across the country will compete in this “feel-good cook-off to win a huge prize for their community!” They are looking for teams of two highly-skilled home cooks with “larger-than-life” personalities (multiple teams from our church can apply) who are active members of our church community (through ministry, youth groups, choir, etc.). To apply, please visit www.JSCasting.com. And please also let Barb Wilkov know if you apply (ext. 24 or barbaraw@fccog.org).



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. Here are the days and times that volunteers are needed:

- **August 1:** 1-5 pm;
- **August 6:** 10 am-4 pm;
- **August 7:** 9 am-5 pm;
- **August 10:** 9 am-5 pm;
- **August 11:** 10 am-4 pm;
- **August 12:** 10 am-4pm;
- **August 17:** 10 am-4 pm.

If you can help out, please call Maria at 203-249-7605 today!

News from The Rummage Room
191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

CALENDAR FOR JULY:

Monday, July 20: See Manager Maria's 50% off sales for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Fridays, July 24 & July 31: *The Rummage Room will close at 3 pm.*

Mon, July 27-Wed, July 29: *50% off everything* in the shop!

Manager 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-3 pm.
- **Sat, August 1:** Fill a paper bag for \$1. 10 am-1 pm. At 1:00 pm, The Rummage Room will close **until Monday, August 24 for the Grand Reopening.** Please do not leave donations until **Tuesday, August 25** from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST:

Mon, Aug 3-Mon, Aug 24: The Rummage Room will be closed for repairs and restocking.

Monday, August 24: The Rummage Room will celebrate its 51st **Grand Reopening** from 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.

Thoughts from The Rummage Room: *"Each of us has something to give that no one else has."* We can think of no one who has given more to The Rummage Room than our Manager, Maria Drieghe, for over 20 years. Consequently, we announce with great sadness Maria's retirement at the end of August. And so to Maria, *"When we*

count our blessings, we count you twice.” Happy Retirement from all your volunteers, The RR Committee, and your many customers.

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.

*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.*



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July 26, 2015

*No Beach Service due to Greenwich Triathlon.
10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse
Daniel Schlorff, guest preacher*

August 2, 2015

*8:00 am Beach Service at Greenwich Point
10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse
Doug Halley, guest preacher*

August 9, 2015

*8:00 am Beach Service at Greenwich Point
10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse
Bill Federici, guest preacher*

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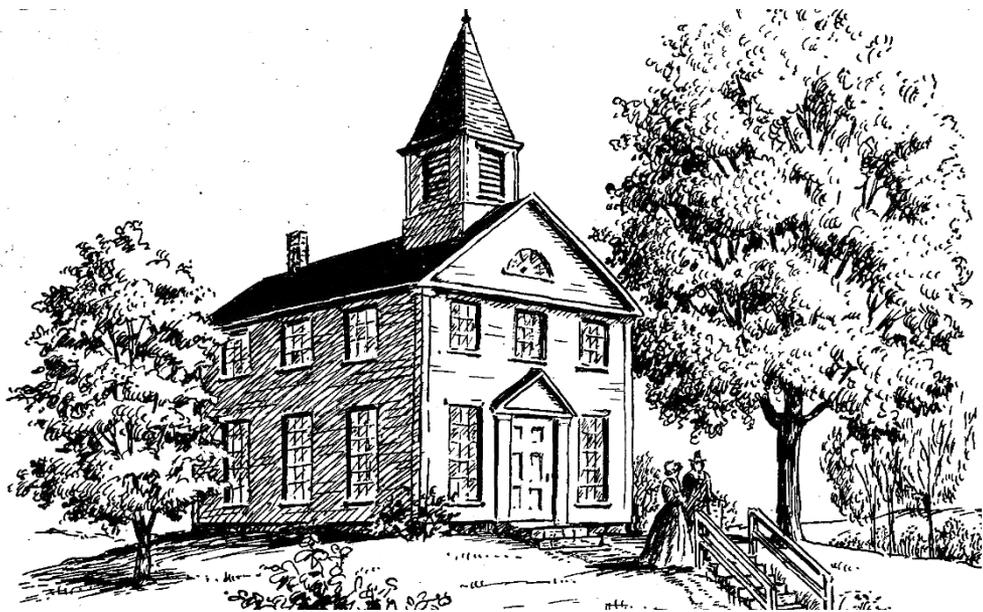
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