

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

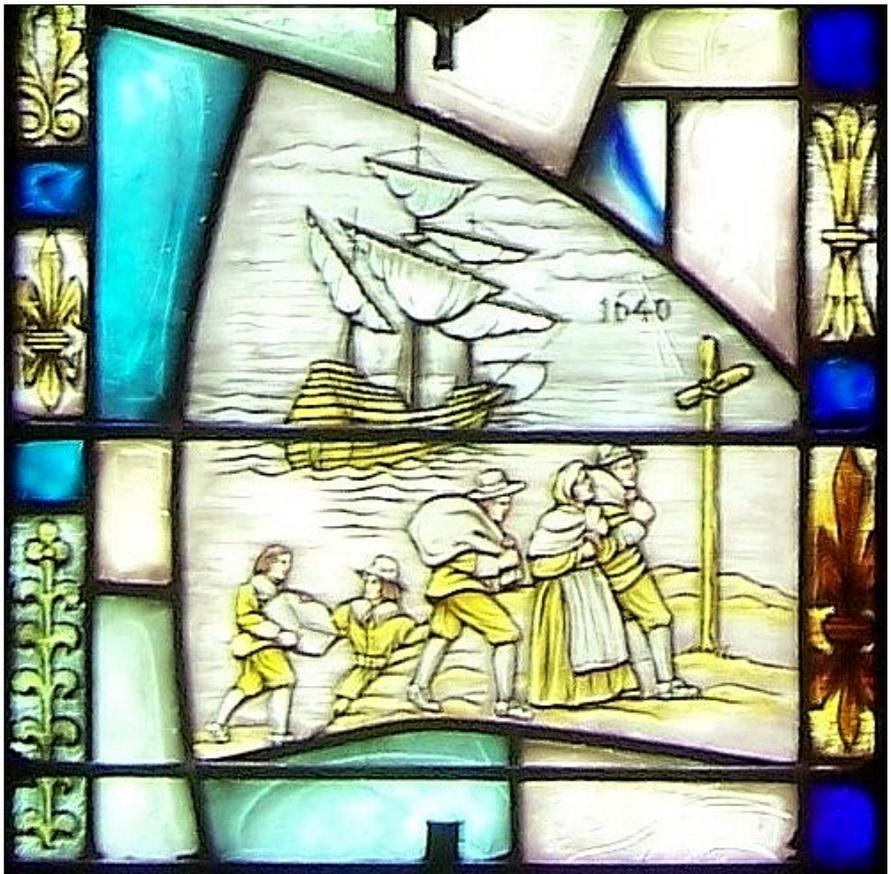
*Founded in 1665*

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**20 July 2014**

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*

Welcome to this service of worship at The 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.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Allegro from Concerto in Eb*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano*

Franz Krommer (1751-1831)

*Peter Russell, clarinet*

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

#### **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 grace.*

#### **\*HYMN**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 69

## 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.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Virginia Richards*

### Genesis 1:1-5

**I**n the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

### ANTHEM

*Simple Gifts*

*The Summer Choir*

Arr. by Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

## SECOND LESSON

### John 3:1-9

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

*From New Revised Standard Version*

#### \*HYMN

*He Leadeth Me*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 370

#### SERMON

*Windsong*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

### RESPONDING TO GOD

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### CALL TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

*The Godly Woman*

*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano*

Donald Dillard (b. 1940)

#### \*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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 327

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Fugue*

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

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

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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](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.

*Calendar*

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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*) is held at the 8:00 am Beach Service each Sunday through July 27 and then, again, on August 31 and September 7 before wrapping up for this season. At 10:00 am worship during the summer 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.

## Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations in Room 203 following today's Worship Service.

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## THIS WEEK

### *Nights Off Women's Group*

*Nights Off* will meet tomorrow, **Monday, July 21** 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 set of picnic tables 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!



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## NEXT WEEK

### *Summer Sings! Returns in July!*

Do you miss singing in your choir during the summer months? Then join *Summer Sings!* as it continues in July. Come as you are on **Wednesday, July 30**, from 7:30-9:30 pm and within these 2 hours we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of Rutter's *Requiem* (chamber version with instruments) with soloist, Hanna Golodinskii, soprano. Music will be provided. Hospitality, refreshments, and fun are all included! No sign-up necessary. Just come ready to sing! (Suggested minimum



donation of \$5 per person). We will meet in our air conditioned Meetinghouse. Non-singers are also welcome to enjoy the evening! Also, mark your calendars for the last *Summer Sings!* of the season which will be held on *Wednesday, August 27* when we will 'perform' Handel's *Zadok the Priest* and Haydn's *Te Deum in C*.

### **Beach Services During the Summer**

Beach Services are held each Sunday throughout the summer at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point, weather permitting (except for **August 3** due to the Greenwich Triathlon). Communion is served every Sunday. Come and join us for this casual service. Summer Church School also takes place at this time down at the beach throughout June and July, so bring the whole family!

### **Calling all Singers for Summer Choir!**

Please join us on **Sunday mornings** 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.

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## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **Upcoming Church Committee Meetings**

ALL church members are welcome, and encouraged, to attend our Church Committee meetings which are held on the first Monday of every month. Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings on *Monday, August 4* and *Monday, September 8* from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the Lounge. See you there.

### **Community Volunteer Opportunity The Hunger Mission Team Needs You!**

The Hunger Mission Team is in need of a Coordinator to be responsible for the serving aspect of the Soup Kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Chili and other food need to be transported from the church to the Soup Kitchen in Stamford on the first Monday of each month (this can also happen on Sunday) and four food servers



are needed at the Soup Kitchen as well. If you are interested in helping with this very important community project, please contact Tom Mahoney for more details and to volunteer at 203-622-6460 or email [fccoghungermission@gmail.com](mailto:fccoghungermission@gmail.com).

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

**Monday, July 21:** *No more donations until August 26.*

**Monday, July 28 - Wednesday, July 30:** *Everything in the shop will be 50% off. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.*

**Manager Maria's Famous Bag Sales Begin:**

\* **Thursday, July 31:** All you can stuff in a brown bag for \$12.  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

\* **Friday, August 1:** All you can cram in a brown bag for \$8.  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\* **Saturday, August 2:** All you can jam in a brown bag for \$1.  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Saturday, August 2:** The Rummage Room will close at 1:00 pm for clean-out, repairs and restocking.

**Monday, August 25:** *Grand Reopening of The Rummage Room!*  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Tuesday, August 26:** Donations being accepted again from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**Summer Shopping Hours:** Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am-3:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

**Oscar Wilde (1854 -1900):** *Be yourself; everyone else is already taken!*

**All New Tai Chi Classes!**

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises with our new teacher, Joe Black. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Join us! You can even just drop in. **All are welcome.**

***Next Week at First Congregational Church***

**8:00 am Worship Service at the Beach (Tod's Point)**

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**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

**Music by:**

**The Summer Choir**

*Day by Day* by Martin How

**Guest Preacher, Daniel Schlorff**



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*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.*



## *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*

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Ministers: The Members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Interim Senior Pastor: Rev. John W. Collins

Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry: Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Director of Communications: Barbara Wilkov

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Stiers and Rev. Sally Colegrove

Director of Music Emeritus: Dr. John Stansell