

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

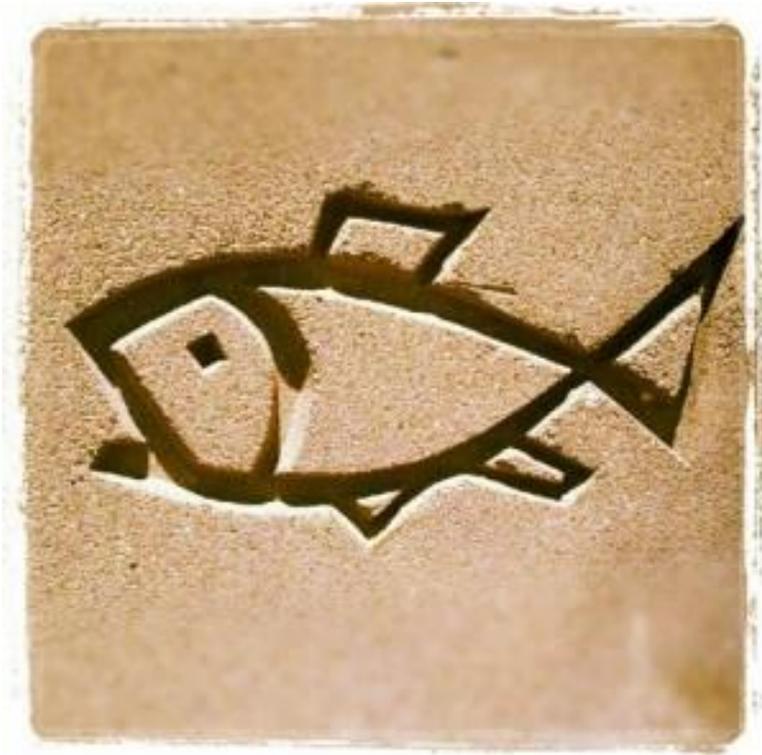
*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

26 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 on this summer morning. In this hour of prayer and inspiration, we invite you to set aside the burdens of life and open your heart to God's graceful Spirit.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Awake, My Heart

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Barbara Norrgard

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Ken Olson

PRAISING GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daniel Schlorff

Leader: Come down off the ladder.

People: Wash out that paintbrush.

Leader: Shake the sand out of your shoes.

People: Get up off your muddy knees, and give the garden a morning off.

Leader: Fold up the newspaper.

People: Turn off the coffeepot.

Leader: Close up your calendar, already filled with dates, and times, and people, and places that claim you.

People: This church is ready for us to fill its rooms, to create its spirit, to generate its warmth, to kindle its light.

Leader: This church is ready for us to make community, to create beauty, to bend it toward justice, to serve its ideals.

People: This church is ready for us to be here, honoring our past, invigorating our present, and dreaming our future.

Leader: This is our community.

People: Here we are home. Here we are whole.

Leader: Let us begin. *By David S. Blanchard (adapted)*

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN

Rising in Darkness

New Century (black) Hymnal 90

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Grant, O God, that we may be faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. May humanity exercise dominion over the earth, not to exploit or abuse, but to see that your will be done. Through the stewardship of your people, may you look once more at your creation and say, "It is good," through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Barbara Norrgard

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him,

and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

From *New Revised Standard Version*

ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Arr. Mark Schweizer (b. 1956)

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving
For the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND LESSON

Jean Watkins

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by

those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

From *New Revised Standard Version*

*HYMN

We are the Body of Christ

One heart, one Spir-it, one voice to praise you, we are the

Bod-y__ of Christ. One goal, one vi-sion to see you ex - alt - ed,

we are the Bod-y__ of Christ. And to this we give our

lives to see you glor - i - fied... One heart, one Spir-it, one

voice to praise you, we are the Bod - y__ of Christ.

SERMON

Humanness and Divinity

Daniel Schlorff, Guest Preacher

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*"debts"*)

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

The Summer Choir
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Carolyn Paulus, soprano

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

*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

Barbara Norrgard

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

New Century (black) Hymnal 397

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

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

Our Guest Preacher today, Daniel Schlorff, has been a member of FCCOG since 2012 and is an ordination candidate in the United Church of Christ. He holds master's degrees from Meadville Lombard Theological School (Chicago, IL) and Hartford Seminary, and he will soon complete his coursework in the Doctor of Ministry and Certificate of Sexuality and Religion programs, offered through Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, CA). Dan currently works as staff chaplain with a home hospice agency, has fun with his dog, Stewie, and has sung with Pro Arte Singers for two seasons.

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 was no beach service this morning due to the Greenwich Triathlon, but *Bible Stories at the Beach* at our 8:00 am Beach Service will continue 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

Summer Sings! Continues This Wednesday

The second *Summer Sings!* of this 5th season is this *Wednesday, July 29*. Come as you are from 7:30-9:30 pm and, within these 2 hours, we will share in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of the monumental Mozart *Requiem*. 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.) Non-singers are also welcome to enjoy the evening! Our final *Summer Sings* will be on **Wednesday, August 26**.

NEXT WEEK

Summer Beach Services

Beach Services are held at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer, weather permitting. 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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Don't Miss Out on this Chance to be on TV!

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

JULY CALENDAR:

Monday, July 27-Wednesday, July 29: Storewide 50% off Sale.

Thurs July 30-Sat August 1: Manager Maria's Famous Bag Sale:

- **Thursday:** All you can cram in a bag for \$12. 10 am-5 pm.
- **Friday:** All you can jam in a bag for \$8. 10 am-3 pm.
- **Saturday:** All you can stuff in a bag for \$1. 10 am-1 pm.

AUGUST CALENDAR:

Mon, Aug 3: The Rummage Room will close for restocking. *Please do not leave donations until Tuesday, August 25, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.*

Monday, August 24: The Rummage Room 51st Grand 'Reopening' from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with all 'new' merchandise!

Tuesday, August 25: Donations accepted again from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Needed: cashmere sweaters, good jewelry, handbags and good bric-a-brac.

Thought This Week: *God promises He won't test us beyond that which we can endure. Sometimes we wish He didn't trust us quite so much!*

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, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

[YouTube](#), [Instagram](#)



Rev. DenUyl Will Be on Vacation until August 11

August 2, 2015

8:00 am Beach Service at Greenwich Point

10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

Doug Halley, guest preacher

Music by The Summer Choir:

At the River by Aaron Copland

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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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration & Finance: Steve Summerton

Office Manager/Sr. Administrative Assistant: Donna White

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