

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Founded in 1665

3 July 2016

10 o'clock in the morning



Jimmy Kastner is a photographer from Somerville, New Jersey, who has published work all over the world. He is best known for his landscapes and city shots, including the recent photo of the moon balancing on the Statue of Liberty's torch; a shot he planned out by anticipating where the moon would appear over the statue from a vantage point in Liberty State Park. This shot is among thousands of others in his daily photo project which he has been working on for four years. More of his work can be found on his site, jimmykastner.com.

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.

We warmly welcome you to worship on this Fourth of July weekend. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the Memory Garden.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

O God of every nation

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Please sign and pass the red visitor pad found at the end of your pew, noting the names around you so you may greet each other following worship.

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this land of freedom and beauty, let us give thanks to God.

People: Let us praise the holy one who created the blue lakes and grassy prairies, the vast desert lands, and the breathtaking mountains of our homeland.

Leader: Let us unite in worship of the Creator who formed all lands and all people.

People: Who declared, with loving affirmation, "It is good!"

All: Come, let us worship God!

CHORAL INTROIT

HYMN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 440

UNISON PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this weekend of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being Americans. We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all. With flags and feasting, with family and friends we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

Come, O gracious God, bless our country and join our simple celebration that we may praise you, our Source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust. All of this we ask in Christ name, who taught us to pray:

Ed Hays

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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, children will leave with
Rosemary for Church School – Summer Faith.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jean Watkins

Exodus 14: 15-16, 22-25

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and

went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

From **New Revised Standard Edition**

ANTHEM

Let the Whole Creation Cry

The Summer Choir

Roland E. Martin

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3: 17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

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SERMON Author of Liberty

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

HYMN God of Our Fathers

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 433

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery Manchester

CALL TO OFFERING

Joe McBride

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Bless America

The Summer Choir

Irving Berlin - Arr. Joyce Eilers

***DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

This morning's communion is by intinction. Everyone is invited to come forward to one of the communion stations. All are welcome at the table of God!

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people. We give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN** My Country, 'Tis of Thee Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 437

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)
Mary Fike, Piccolo

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.

We also now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where the parents can be comfortable *and* still be part of worship.

Please see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations. Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday for babies through 4 years old.

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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Call to Special Meeting

July 10, 2016

A Special Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday, July 10, 2016 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 am worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Search Committee to call a new Associate Pastor;
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Please Note: There will be NO BEACH SERVICE on July 10, as it is Candidating Sunday.

Church School – “Bible Stories at the Beach” & “Summer Faith”

“Summer Faith” is a multi-age program during the **10 a.m. worship**, for children ages 5-10. Children 3 and 4 years old are welcome in child care or in Summer Faith depending on the number and ages of children. For safety considerations, we need to be mindful of the age range of children together. We also need to have two adults with each group at all times. Volunteers are welcome to check with Rosemary to see if there is a need. We look forward to seeing your children anytime during the summer that they can be here!

Also, at **8 a.m. at Greenwich Point**, right outside the Innis Arden Cottage, you will find children of all ages singing, hearing bible stories, playing games with the parachute and learning to appreciate God's creation as part of “First Church Bible Stories at the Beach”

summer program. Very young children are welcome to join in if they have an adult or teen companion so that we have one to one coverage for children under the age of 4. Upcoming sessions are: July 3, July 17, July 24, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, and Sept 4.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following worship in the Memory Garden during Community Hour. During the week, she is available by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 21.

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

Monday, July 4: The RR is closed for Independence Day. Play safe and stay safe.

Tuesday, July 5: See 50% off sales for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Thursday, July 7 thru Saturday July 9: OG Merchants Assoc. Sidewalk Sales. Everything in and out of the RR 50% off.

NOTE: Starting July 8, The RR will be closing Fridays at 3:00 pm for the remainder of July.

SATURDAY July 16:

LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 23.

**MONDAY, July 25, Tues. July 26, Wed, July 27 -
EVERYTHING IN THE SHOP 50% OFF.**

THE RUMMAGE ROOM'S FAMOUS BAG SALES

- **THURS. JULY 28** - ALL YOU CAN JAM IN A BAG: \$12.
- **FRIDAY, JULY 29** - ALL YOU CAN STUFF IN A BAG: \$8.
- **SATURDAY, JULY 30** - ALL YOU CAN MASH IN A BAG: \$1.

THE RUMMAGE ROOM CLOSSES SATURDAY, JULY 30 AT 1:00 PM AND REOPENS FOR ITS 52ND GRAND REOPENING ON AUGUST 22.

Manager Leanne's Wish List for the Grand Reopening:

Framed Art Work, bric-a-brac, jewelry, good handbags, fall and winter clothing.

Let us remember: *"Any fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius, and a whole lot of courage to move in the opposite direction." Albert Einstein (1870 - 1958)*



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Ministers: The Members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

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