

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

5 July 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



The Young Slave by Michelangelo

*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 first Sunday of July. In the beauty of summer and the more relaxed days it brings, we can refresh our lives with the beauty of the Earth, the inspiration of music and strength of Prayer. This morning we will share the vitality of some moving Scripture and inspirational music. Thank you for spending this time with us.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Aria

Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

Flor Peeters

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Barbara Norrgard

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

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 day 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. - Ed Hays

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Car Westbrook

Psalm 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Blessed is the Nation

The Summer Choir

Allen Orton Gibbs (1910-1996)

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1 and 13-14

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

From New Revised Standard Version

***HYMN**

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 433

SERMON

The Chisel of Freedom

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (“*debts*”)

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Variations on *America*

Jon Hunt

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Today communion will be by intinction. Congregants are invited to come forward down the center aisle to one of the communion stations by the chancel, receive the bread (gluten-free), dip in the cup and partake. Those who need to stay in the pew should indicate their need to be served there to one of the ushers or greeters. Someone will come to serve you.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM (*in unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN**

We Limit Not the Truth of God

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 259

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

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

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.

Church School

Today we continued *Bible Stories at the Beach* at our 8:00 am Beach Service and will continue this program July 12, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6 and 13. There are no beach services on July 19 (Founders' Day celebration in the Meetinghouse at 10:00 am) and July 26 (Greenwich Triathlon at Greenwich Point). Although there are no formal Church School classes at this 10:00 am service in the summer, there is Child Care and a resource center with books and games if your older children need a break. There are usually adults and high school students to supervise your children or you are welcome to be with them.

NEXT WEEK

Caregivers Support Group in July

Due to the 4th of July holiday, our Caregivers Support Group will meet next *Sunday, July 12* this month instead of today, from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, is the group facilitator and can be reached for more info at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

Summer Beach Services

Beach Services are held at 8 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer, weather permitting (Note: There is no Beach Service on July 19 due to Founders' Day and 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 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

350th Founders' Day Celebration

Don't miss the celebration on *Sunday, July 19!* Bring the whole family to this re-creation of a 17th Century worship service. There will be 350th activities for children (ages 2-22!), singing, and a special photo op, too. Period costumes are optional, but definitely encouraged! And after the service, stick around for lobster rolls on the front lawn, specially prepared by our own Rev. DenUyl! There will also be hot dogs for the kids (or those who don't eat lobster). Bring the whole family and invite your friends! Purchase your tickets for the lobster roll lunch **today** during Fellowship Hour. Tickets can also be purchased in the Church Office or at the Beach Service.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

CALENDAR FOR JULY:

Monday, July 6: See Maria's 50% off sales for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Friday, July 10: The Rummage Room will be closing Fridays at 3:00 pm for the remainder of July.

Saturday, July 18: *Last Day for Donations until Tues, August 25!*

Mon, July 27-Wed, July 29: *Everything* in the shop will be 50% off.

Maria's Famous Bag Sales:

- **Thurs, July 30:** All you can fold up in a bag-\$12. 10-5.
- **Fri, July 31:** All you can stack in a bag-\$8. 10-1.
- **Sat, August 1:** All you can smash into a bag-\$1. 10-1.

Maria's Wish List: Good paintings, bric-a-brac, jewelry, handbags, fall and winter clothing, and shopping bags for Reopening Day.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST:

Mon, Aug 3-Mon, Aug 24: Rummage Room will be closed for restocking & repairs. *Do not leave donations while the shop is closed!*

Mon, August 24: The Rummage Room will reopen for the 51st Grand Reopening at 10:00 am – closing at 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, August 25: First day for donations 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Regular Shop Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday & 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Regular Donation Hours: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday & 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Friday & Saturday.

There are no gradations in the image of God. Every person from a treble white to a bass black is significant on God's keyboard. Someday we will all learn to respect the worth and dignity of every human being.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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](#)

Founders' Day – Sunday, July 19
10 am Worship Service
followed by Lobster Roll Lunch



Please join us for a special 350th celebration on Founders' Day!

An "Olde Tyme" Worship Service in the Meetinghouse followed by lobster rolls, specially prepared by our own Rev. DenUyl, on the lawn.

Display of historical artifacts, period costumes, games for children.

Full luncheon includes lobster roll, cole slaw, chips, beverage, dessert.

Tickets \$10/person
(free hot dogs for children)

RSVP by *July 13* to Church Office at 203-637-1791 or barbaraw@fccog.org.
Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office, at Coffee Hour or the Beach Service.

Bring the Family! Invite Your Friends!
As we celebrate 350 years of being "Ever Faithful, Ever Present."



Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

July 12, 2015

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

10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

Music by The Summer Choir

***If Ye Love Me* by Thomas Tallis**

Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

Rev. Richard DenUyl, preaching

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