

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8 July 2012

10 o'clock in the morning



Calming of the Storm, by Darel Sparling
www.CreativeChristianImagery.com

Welcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Whether this is the faith community you call home or whether this is your first visit, we are so very glad you decided to be a part of worship today. Summer is a time to rethink many things in our lives, including priorities, goals and relationships. We trust that this service will help you do just that. But above all, we hope you feel the love of God through our congregation's welcome and care.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Prelude on Forth in Thy Name I Go

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
George Dyson

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

PRAISING GOD

***‡HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 29

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Daniel B. England

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, we have come here this day because we want to be in your presence and we need both your presence and each other. Help us to cast away any distracting thought, that we might feast on the riches of your grace in Jesus Christ. Inspire us, we pray through the reading of the word, the singing of hymns and anthems and the fellowship of other believers in your goodness and purpose. And so we gather as your church, in this moment and place, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord both now and forever. Amen.

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.

*GLORIA

New Century (black) Hymnal 754

Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Peter Schay

Jonah 1:11-17

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

A Prayer of St. Columba

The Summer Choir
Richard Shephard

SECOND LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*‡HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 322

(As the hymn begins, the Church School children will leave for Summer Church School with Rosemary.)

SERMON

"What Are You Afraid Of?"

Rev. Daniel B. England

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

God made my life complete
when I placed all the pieces before him.
When I got my act together,
he gave me a fresh start.
Now I'm alert to God's ways;
I don't take God for granted.
Every day I review the ways he works;
I try not to miss a trick.
I feel put back together,
and I'm watching my step.
God rewrote the text of my life
when I opened the book of my heart to his eyes.

Psalm 18:20-24 from The Message

primarily for the stage and served in the court of Anne, Duchess of Maine, from around 1708.

Richard Shephard (b. 1949) is a British composer who was educated in Gloucester and Cambridge, England, and teaches at the University of York. *A Prayer of St. Columba* was commissioned by the Chancel Choir at Reformed Church of Bronxville, NY, on the 30th anniversary of their ministers of music, Rodney and Johnette Schuller (no relation to the Robert Schuller of Crystal Cathedral fame!)

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 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. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Calendar

TODAY

Summer Church School

Summer Church School continues today. We meet in a one-room schoolhouse format with children 4/5 – 9/10; younger children are welcome in child care and older children are needed to help. You can meet your children after worship in the Preschool. Also, there will be child care in the Undercroft (Preschool) during the Church Hall Meeting.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN is available in Room 203 after the Worship Service. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.

Church Hall Meeting

The Church Committee and Board of Trustees would like to invite you to our second Church Hall Meeting, which is being held *today* in the Auditorium following this worship service. Topics will include updates on the recommendations of the three Task Forces – Pastor Housing and Compensation, Governance, and Welcoming – and the process for initiating the search for our permanent Senior Pastor. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for discussion of topics of interest to members of the congregation.

THIS WEEK

Summer Wonderful Wednesday BBQ this Wednesday!

Something NEW! Bring the picnic to FCCOG this *Wednesday, July 11*, 6:00-8:00 pm. We have the grill – bring your own dogs, brats, burgers, etc. Bring a side dish to share. We'll have dessert and Sunday morning lemonade for the kids. Bring anything else your family would like for their dinner. We'll meet on the lawn and the Memory Garden patio; rain or shine. Come anytime! There will be games for the kids. Visit with friends and make new ones! (Please note: no alcoholic beverages can be consumed on church property).



NEWS AND NOTICES

Summer Choir

A new option for Summer Choir is available on the first Sunday of August. On that Sunday, anyone who would like an extra rehearsal of the anthems for that month is welcome to meet in the Choir Room following church from 11:30 am -12:00 noon. Meanwhile, everyone is welcome to join the Summer Choir! Simply show up any Sunday at 9:00 am and you have a great opportunity to lead and

share your voice to enhance the worship service.

The anthems for the rest of July are:

July 15: O Savior of the World, John Goss

July 22: My Song in the Night, Arlen Clarke

July 29: All Things Bright and Beautiful, John Rutter

Join us at the Beach!

Join us at Greenwich Point on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am for worship (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday.

(Note: There is no beach service on Sunday, July 29, due to the Greenwich Triathlon.)

News from The Rummage Room

Monday, July 9 through Saturday, July 14: Several categories of clothing and other items will be 50% off for the week - at the manager's discretion.

Summer Hours: Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on **Friday and Saturday** 10:00 to 1:00 pm. Donations hours are the same.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Bikes for all members of the family; jewelry; summer clothing; bric-a-brac and handbags.

Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21: Old Greenwich *Sidewalk Sales*. Everything in The Rummage Room will be 50% off.

Saturday, July 28: The Rummage Room will close at 1:00 pm for cleaning, repairs and restocking until Monday, August 27.

August 27: The Rummage Room opens at 10:00 am for the *Grand Reopening Day and Week* -Monday through Saturday, September 1!

Remember: God will shelter us with His wings, and cover us with His feathers. His faithful promises are our armor and protection. There is absolutely nothing to fear about tomorrow; for God is already there!

Tai Chi Fitness with Luis Duarte

Improve your balance, health and well being. 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 \$7 per

class if paid by the month, and \$8 per class for "drop ins." Join us! You'll love it! **All are welcome.**



Food Collection

A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse, so please contribute food each week. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery store visit will make a significant difference at Neighbor to Neighbor. Items currently in need are:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- 100% Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Peanut Butter (no larger than 28 oz., please)
- Jelly

If you've forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email fccoghungermission@gmail.com with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home and deliver to the Church for Neighbor to Neighbor.



Next Week at First Congregational Church

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
Founders' Day**

Music by The Summer Choir:

O Savior of the World, John Goss

Jayson Engquist, guest director/organist

Rev. Avery Manchester, preaching

**First Selectman Peter Tesei will read the Founders' Day
Proclamation during the service.**

8:00 am linc Beach Service – Greenwich Point

FCCOG's summer Beach Services are a wonderful,
casual time for worship, communion and community.

Please join us.

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