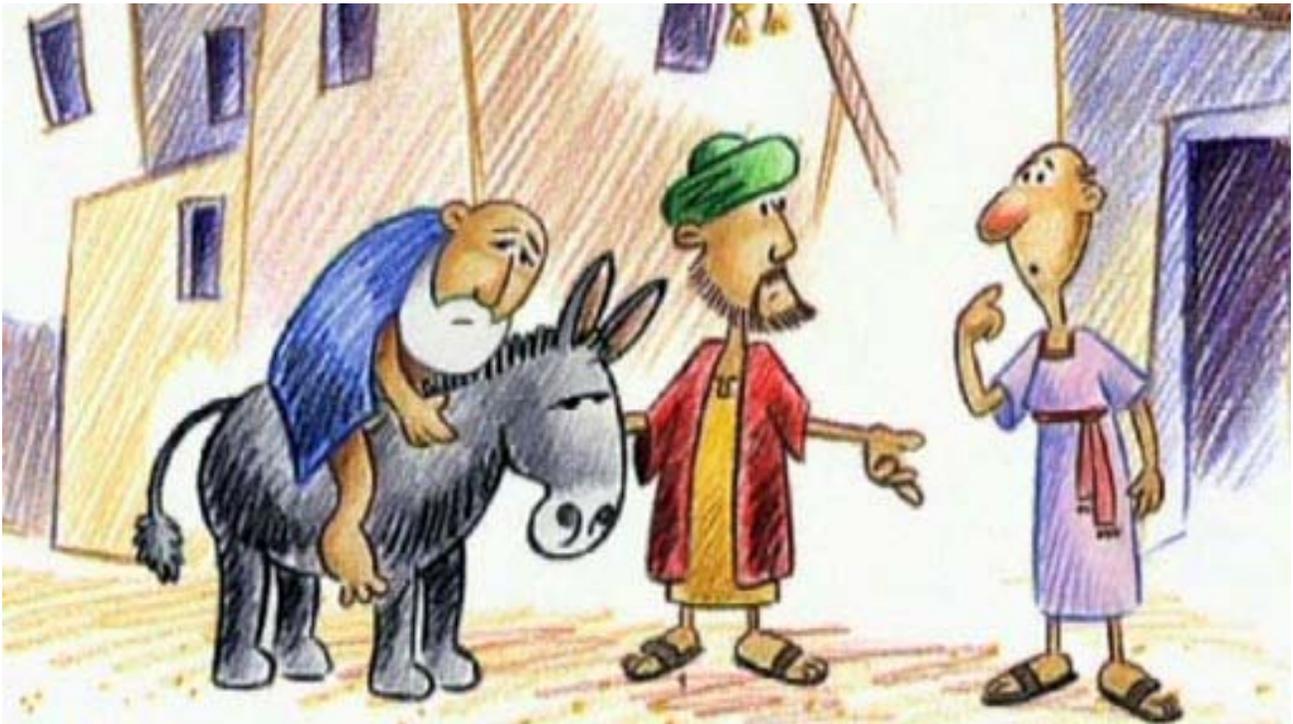


The Seventh Sunday after Easter

# Children's Sunday

1 June 2014

10 o'clock in the morning



*The Good Samaritan - Who is Your Neighbor?*

*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.*



**W**elcome to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church. On this special Children's Sunday, we hope that you will find this a time of quiet contemplation, joyful celebration and loving acceptance of all of God's children, including yourself.

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**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ  
Louis Lefebure-Wely (1817-1869)*

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

**CALL TO THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**PRAISING GOD**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*This Train is Bound for Glory*

*The Cherub Choir  
Traditional*

**\*OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSIONAL**

*Fourth & Fifth Graders will lead the Procession with the Flower Cross  
For the Beauty of the Earth*

*New Century (black) Hymnal 28*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Kindergarteners and First Graders*

*The children will say the Lord's Prayer first alone and the congregation will then repeat the prayer with them.*

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.

**ANTHEM**

*The Lord is My Light*

*The Children's Choir*

Michael Bedford

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director*

*Vance Briceland, piano*

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers:** We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents:** We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

**Senior Deacon:** The entire congregation is pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

**All:** The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

#### Luke 10:25-37

**A** legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?" He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live." But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."  
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

*From the Common English Bible*

### ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*

*Soloists: Elizabeth Mohn, Emma Olmsted, Mariel Laffan, Lauren Mickley*

*The Children's Choir*

Arr. Francisco Nuñez (b. 1965)

### SERMON

*The Good Samaritan*

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

**\*HYMN**

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant (verses 1, 3, 5)*

New Century (black) Hymnal 539

RESPONDING TO GOD

**THANKSGIVING AND RECOGNITION**

*Rosemary Lamie*

*Leader: Today, we recognize and affirm all of our Church School teachers, with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.*

**People:** We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

*Leader: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers.*

**People:** Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through the gift of teaching.

*Leader: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.*

**All:** As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers have given to our children.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

*Shaw Speer, Alex Mair*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*Shaw Speer*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Old Time Religion Medley*

*The Summer Choir*  
Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

**\*Doxology**

To the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Alex Mair*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*(All are welcome to the table, even our youngest children, at the discretion of their parents.)*

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*(In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)***

We thank you, O God, for these moments of communion with you and each other. By these actions, we have renewed our commitment to bear your name and to follow you wherever you lead us. O Lord God, your great name be praised. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

*Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our Father, we are family.*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Benediction*

*words and music by Mark Montgomery*

## POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

*(At the beginning of the Postlude the Third Graders will leave the Meetinghouse. Everyone else is invited to listen to the Postlude before going to Coffee Hour.)*

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are provided by the Chancel Committee. The Flower Cross is provided by the Church School Task Force.

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.

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## Third Graders Receiving Bibles

Ciella Angel-Lalanne  
Lola Dellascenza  
Elsa Charlene Ginste  
Shelley C. Kane  
Hayden Kuppenheimer  
Tessa Anne Laffan  
Marcus D. Lotufo  
Spencer Lane Moore  
Alexander Pearson Pratt  
Kylie Elizabeth Schneider  
Charles Bradley Schrohe  
Ellen Ann Bradley Sykes  
William Burke van Rhyn  
Charles C. Williams

## Church School Task Force 2013-2014

Colleen Alfano  
Donna Hascher  
Diane Jenkins  
Diane Kretschmann  
Paul Kretschmann  
Nanette Laffan  
Rosemary Lamie  
Jennifer Lepoutre

Cara Olmsted  
Margaret Phyfe  
Laura Pugliese  
Lori Romano  
Sarah Schneider  
Elaine Teeters  
Sarah Thalheim  
Leslie VanDermeer

## Church School Teachers

Matthew Ambrose  
Natalie Anibal  
Jennifer Benoit  
Amy Cass  
Duly Chiappetta  
Margot DeRiemer  
Cindy Fong  
Allison Frenz  
Olivia Hartwell  
Erlinda Haviland  
Richard Haviland  
Caitlin Hayes  
Esther Hoekstra  
Janette Hoekstra  
Colin Ingraham

Trevor Ingraham  
Kristen Jacks  
Carly Jenkins  
Greg Kuppenheimer  
Kimberly  
Kuppenheimer  
Fred Laffan  
Daniel Lepoutre  
Charlotte Lorthioir  
Fred Lorthioir  
Alex Mair  
Mark Montgomery  
Sarah Morris  
Cara Olmsted  
Anne Pfetsch

Melanie Pfetsch  
Lori Romano  
Elizabeth Schinto  
Sarah Schneider  
Chris Schoen  
Shaw Speer  
Jack Taylor  
Kristen Taylor  
Peter Thalheim  
Connie Van Rhyn  
Hans Van Rhyn  
Jeff Waggaman  
Peg Wentworth  
Gillian Woodman  
Stephanie Woodman

### ***Call to a Special Congregational Meeting***

A special meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for *Sunday, June 8, 2014* following the 10:00 am Worship Service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse:

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

*Kathy McLennan*  
Church Clerk

### Church School

Today we celebrate this past year of learning about the Bible and God's love for us all. We look forward to continuing this experience at our Church School on the beach for 8 weeks this summer beginning on *June 15*. We thank you, parents and teachers, for your support and commitment to our Church School Program. As a special tribute to our teachers, several books have been added to our Resource Center and each one is dedicated to a different group of classroom teachers.

### Our Children Hope that You Will Want to Teach in September!

Whether you have taught for several years or this has been your first, you know the rewards you gain. For those of you who have not experienced this unique process, we hope the following questions and answers will help you carefully and prayerfully consider this important opportunity.

- **Am I Qualified?** Everyone is qualified in some way if only by your love of children and a willingness to share your faith. And you do not have to be a parent of a church school-aged child. The ability to hear our children's questions is important, but you don't have to have all the answers. You need a willingness to teach – but also be taught. Many of us were motivated to teach because **our congregation asks each family to volunteer two years of your time for each of your children in the Church School**. Once you do it, you realize the rewards far outweigh the risks.
- **How Can I Find the Time and Skills to Prepare and to Teach?** Our active Church School is possible because we work together. Our curriculum is very teacher-friendly, providing you with lesson plans, several possibilities from which to choose activities and a good biblical background each week. The lessons can be available via email which simplifies preparation. Our Task Force is here every Sunday to provide support as Sunday Supers and our Director, Rosemary Lamie, covers the Church School Office all week to help you prepare and take care of the administrative and communication tasks. Further, there is usually at least one Sunday every month that is not a Church School Sunday due to holidays, school vacations or special events.
- **Where Do I Sign Up?** There is an easel at Coffee Hour with a signup board organized by age and grade level. If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please speak to Rosemary. Just stop by her office, call 203-637-1791, extension 20 or email [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org).

### Parish Nurse

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

### Bible Study

Bible Study will meet in June! We'll continue on with the story of David and the Psalms *today* and *June 15* (no Bible Study on June 8). In addition, we'll prepare for the fall series on the Parallel Gospels. All are welcome even if you've never been before. 11:20 am in the Lounge.

### Stained Glass Window Tour

Join Tamara Ng-Yow and Pat Larrabee today at 11:15 am for a tour of the Meetinghouse stained glass windows. If you can't make it today, there are 2 booklets in the reading rack at the entrance to the Meetinghouse for you to borrow at any time to take a tour on your own. You can also take a

virtual tour online at <http://www.fccog.org/about-us/our-building/our-stained-glass-window-tour/>.

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## THIS WEEK

### Performance of “To Whom I May Concern”

If you haven't seen this performance about Alzheimer's and dementia yet, here is a great opportunity. Join other members of First Church this *Thursday, June 5* at 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 42 Cross Road in Stamford (next to Lord & Taylor off Long Ridge Road). Created by Maureen Matthews, RN, PhD, *To Whom I May Concern* is an interactive theater project where people with Alzheimer's and other dementias share stories of how they live, laugh and love. A lively discussion will follow. For more info call 203-817-0600 or visit [www.ToWhomIMayConcern.org](http://www.ToWhomIMayConcern.org).

### For Moms of Very Young Children

Our Mom's Group will meet for the last time this season on *Friday, June 6* from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 104. If you have a baby, toddler and/or 2 year old, join us for this opportunity to meet and relax with other moms and their young children. The group will return again in the fall! For more information, contact Kristen Jacks at [kmj33z@yahoo.com](mailto:kmj33z@yahoo.com) or 203-344-1961.



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## NEXT WEEK

### Meet the Recommended Senior Pastor Candidate!

Join us next weekend to meet the Senior Pastor Search Committee's recommended candidate, **Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr.** Richard, his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Sophie are all looking forward to meeting our church family.

**Everyone is welcome—adults, youth and children!**

**Saturday, June 7:**

8:00-10:00 am: *Pancake Breakfast* in the Daniels Center (hosted by the Church School Task Force)

4:00-6:00 pm: *Ice Cream Social* in the Auditorium (hosted by Women's Fellowship)

**Sunday, June 8:**

10:00 am: *Call Sermon* during the worship service

11:00 am: *Congregational Meeting* followed by *Coffee Hour*

### Summer Choir Has Begun

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 (ext. 22).



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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Beach Services Return Sunday, June 15

Beach Services begin on *Sunday, June 15* at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (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!

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

**Monday, June 2 through Saturday, June 7:** June is bustin' out all over so you are invited to visit the *Best Little Shop in Town* this week and spruce up your summer wardrobe with the great buys you will find! Another good reason to come in and shop is the 50% off-specials Manager Maria has selected.

**Sunday, June 15 is Father's Day.** Have you done your shopping? A wide variety of gifts await you so bring the children and they can select what they like for Dad.

**Wish List:** Everything for Father's Day ... clothing and other items pertaining to Dad. Wedding dresses for the bride, and dresses for other members of the wedding party; jewelry; tuxes, tux shirts and men's dress shoes; bikes; linens and towels.

**Shopping Hours:** Monday through Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

**Donation Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-4:30 pm and Friday & Saturday 9:30 am -12:30 pm.  
*Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift.*

***Nights Off Women's Group***

Weather permitting, *Nights Off* will gather down at the beach (Tod's Point) on **June 16** at 6:00 pm.

This is a great time to socialize and catch up. Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Look for the group at the first picnic table 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! If you have any questions or to be added to the *Nights Off* email list, contact Shirley Flierl at 203-629-4939 or



[FBTworld@aol.com](mailto:FBTworld@aol.com).

**Tai Chi Has Returned!**

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, \$8 for seniors. Join us!

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

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**  
*Pentecost, Heritage and Candidating Sunday*

**Music by The Summer Choir:**  
*Spirit Come, In Your Flame* by Evelyn Larter  
*Come Down, O Love Divine* by Charles Beaudrot

**Thomas Woodman, bass:**

*A Pentecost Prayer* by Carson Cooman  
*I Go On My Way/For the Mountains Shall Depart* (from *Elijah*) by Felix Mendelssohn

**Senior Pastor Search Committee's Recommended Candidate, Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr., preaching  
Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship and then special Coffee Hour**



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