

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Trinity Sunday

Father's Day

15 June 2013

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 worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this special Sunday. We will remember Father's Day and Trinity Sunday which follows Pentecost when the Spirit came alive in an amazing and wonderful way to live the Christ story. Some of us were at our first Beach Service of the season this morning and it was so special. With the joy of last Sunday's affirming of the call of Richard, we have much for which to be thankful. May our prayers, songs, scripture and word fill us this morning with the wonder of God's love, Christ's compassion and the presence and fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Sicilienne

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Diana Basso, flute

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Yevgeniya Golodinskii

Leader: Beautiful are the works of God!

People: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

Leader: Beautiful is the mind of God!

People: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

Leader: Beautiful is the heart of God!

People: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

Leader: God made the heavens and the earth!

People: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

***HYMN**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth New Century (black) Hymnal 21

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY *(In Unison)*

Silent prayers may follow each petition

For our fathers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them respect and love,
we pray to the Lord. . .

For fathers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,
we pray to the Lord. . .

For men, though without children of their own,
who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord. . .

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength
who have not responded to their children,
and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord. . .

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian
fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

may honor them always and with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Blessings, USA, 20th cent., ALT)

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. John W. Collins

*Kendall Madison Quick and Brielle Victoria Quick,
daughters of Kristen R. and Benjamin P. Quick*

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verse 1)

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Barbara Norrgard

Psalm 19

God's glory is on tour in the skies,
God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.
Madame Day holds classes every morning,
Professor Night lectures each evening.
Their words aren't heard,
their voices aren't recorded,
But their silence fills the earth:
unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.
God makes a huge dome
for the sun—a superdome!
The morning sun's a new husband
leaping from his honeymoon bed,
The daybreaking sun an athlete
racing to the tape.

That's how God's Word vaults across the skies
from sunrise to sunset,
Melting ice, scorching deserts,
warming hearts to faith.
The revelation of God is whole
and pulls our lives together.
The signposts of God are clear
and point out the right road.
The life-maps of God are right,
showing the way to joy.
The directions of God are plain
and easy on the eyes.
God's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold,
with a lifetime guarantee.
The decisions of God are accurate
down to the nth degree.
God's Word is better than a diamond,
better than a diamond set between emeralds.
You'll like it better than strawberries in spring,
better than red, ripe strawberries.
There's more: God's Word warns us of danger
and directs us to hidden treasure.

Otherwise how will we find our way?
Or know when we play the fool?
Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh!
Keep me from stupid sins,
from thinking I can take over your work;
Then I can start this day sun-washed,
scrubbed clean of the grime of sin.
These are the words in my mouth;
these are what I chew on and pray.
Accept them when I place them
on the morning altar,
O God, my Altar-Rock,
God, Priest-of-My-Altar.

From *The Message*

ANTHEM

Give Laud Unto the Lord

The Summer Choir

Ernest Bullock (1890-1974)

Give laud unto the Lord, from heaven that is so high, praise him in deed and word, above the starry sky: and also ye his angels all, armies royal, praise joyfully.

Ye boundless realms of joy, exalt your maker's fame, his praise your song employ, above the starry frame, your voices raise, ye cherubim and seraphim, to sing his praise.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally. Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

From The Message

*HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

New Century (black) Hymnal 337

SERMON

Do What?

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Daniel B. England

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ich Folge Dir from St. John Passion

Lynette Pfund, soprano
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Diana Basso, flute

*Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen Schritten und lasse dich nicht,
mein Leben, mein Licht.*

*Befördere den Lauf und höre nicht auf, selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu
schieben, zu bitten.*

Translation:

*I follow you likewise with joyful steps and do not leave you,
my light, my life.*

*Bring me on my way and do not cease to pull,
push, and urge me on.*

***DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 776

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN**

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

New Century (black) Hymnal 531

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

March

John Marsh (b. 1939)

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

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

Church School

Summer Church School (*Bible Stories at the Beach*) is held at the 8:00 am Beach Service during June and July. At 10:00 am we have Child Care for infants through 4 years old. If you have questions or concerns about your child in worship, please confer with the adult in charge in the Undercroft. Ushers are able to direct you.

Parish Nurse

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

Bible Study

There is Bible Study **today** at 11:20 am in the Lounge. We are concluding the season today with the story of David and the Psalms. In addition, we'll prepare for the fall series on the Parallel Gospels. All are welcome even if you've never been before. Led by Dan England.

THIS WEEK

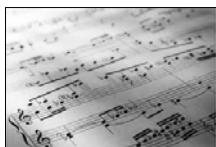
Nights Off Women's Group

Weather permitting, *Nights Off* will gather down at the beach (Tod's Point) **tomorrow night, 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. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Flierl at 203-629-4939 or FBTworld@aol.com.



Summer Sings! Returns this Wednesday, June 18

Do you miss singing in your choir during the summer months?



Then join *Summer Sings!* Come as you are on **Wednesday, June 18**, from 7:30-9:30 pm and within these 2 hours we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*. 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). We will meet in our air-conditioned Meetinghouse. Non-singers are also welcome to enjoy the evening!

NEXT WEEK

Beach Services Have Returned for the Summer

Beach Services began this morning at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point and will continue each Sunday through the summer, weather permitting (except for August 3 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!

Summer Choir Has Begun – Please join us!

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.



NEWS AND NOTICES

Special Plea for Volunteers

The Hunger Mission Team still needs volunteers to cook chili for the soup kitchen over 4th of July weekend. The soup kitchen doesn't close for the holiday, so please find the time to help out. The prep work and cooking can be scheduled



for any day that weekend. If you and a few of your friends or family can help out, please contact Tom Mahoney at fccoghungermision@gmail.com.

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

Sunday, June 15: Have you hugged your Father today? *Happy Father's Day!*

Monday June 16 through Saturday June 21: 50% off two or three categories selected by Manager Maria.

Saturday June 21: *First Day of Summer.* Need summer clothing? We have a great summer supply of everything!!

Wish List: Wedding dresses and clothing for the groom; bikes; a Moses basket; men's watches; clothing and items for 4th of July; everything for the beach.

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

Donation Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday - Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

When we pray for others, God listens to us and blesses them. Then there are times when we need to be prayed for and we know in our hearts that someone has prayed for us and it is truly a comfort.

Next Week at First Congregational Church

8:00 am Worship Service at the Beach (Tod's Point)
Rev. John Collins, preaching



10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
Music by The Summer Choir:
Lord, I Trust in Thee by G. F. Handel
Daniel Schlorff, bass:
The Lord Reigns by Eugene Butler
Rev. John Collins, preaching

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