

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sunday

2 June 2013

10 o'clock in the morning



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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 First Congregational Church as we invite children and adults, students and teachers to enter into a joyful, loving celebration of the Church as the Body of Christ.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Jayson Engquist, organ

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

PRAISING GOD

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

The Cherub Choir

Traditional

***‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSIONAL**

Fourth & Fifth Graders will lead the Procession with the Flower Cross
In Christ There Is No East or West

New Century (black) Hymnal 394

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come to worship today to praise and thank you because we know that all we have and all we are is a gift from You. We pray that we use our gifts to help others in ways that shows your love for everyone. We pray that we always give with generous hearts; always share without expecting something in return; and to be thankful for all of our blessings every day. Finally, we pray that in all we do, your light shines through us. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

The First Graders

The First Graders 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.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

3rd 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.

3rd 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

Third Graders: John Russell, Kristin Riggs, Brian Smith and Darin Jacks

Psalm 36:5-9

But your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies;
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;
your justice is like the deepest sea.
Lord, you save both humans and animals.
Your faithful love is priceless, God!
Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the bounty of your house;
you let them drink from your river of pure joy.
Within you is the spring of life.
In your light, we see light.

From the Common English Bible

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

Sing Joyfully to God

The Children's Choir

Michael Bedford

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:3-13

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to

each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home.

From the Common English Bible

SERMON

One in Christ

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 celebrate all of our Church School teachers, both past and present. Through their commitment and dedication, they have helped to lead countless children along the path of growing faith and love of God.

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...and parents.

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

Jenna Hascher, Margo Teeters, Ingrid Thalheim

CALL TO OFFERING

Daniel Lepoutre, 8th Grade

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

To His Garden

The Chancel Choir

Susan Matsui

***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**

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ave Verum Corpus

Camille Saint-Saëns

Quartet: Lynette Pfund, Linnea Conley, Christopher Pfund, Craig Symons

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. By the power of your Holy Spirit, unite us with all whom Christ welcomes, that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***CLOSING HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gunna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.*

Everywhere I go...

All around the world...

BLESSING OF FAREWELL FOR *The Humbert Family*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March in A

William Walton

(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.)

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Donald M. Freeman, Sr. and Jeanne Freeman Boyer by the Freeman family. 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. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Third Graders Receiving Bibles

Bridget Hope Condon
Kody J. Fong
John Gabriel Freeman
Hannah Eve Ginste
Morgan Christa Humbert
Darin Mortimer Jacks
Andrew Christopher O'Donnell
Calvin Hunter Pfund
Kristin Paige Riggs
John Andrew Russell
Carter Michael Simko
Brian Martin Smith
Nicole Anastasia Thompson
Daniel Howard Windels

Church School Task Force 2012-2013

Colleen Alfano	Laura Pugliese
Donna Hascher	Lori Romano
Diane Jenkins	Sarah Schneider
Diane Kretschmann	Lindsay Stafford
Paul Kretschmann	Elaine Teeters (Retiring)
Nanette Laffan	Margo Teeters (Graduating)
Rosemary Lamie	Sarah Thalheim
Jennifer Lepoutre	Karen Vissicchio
Cara Olmsted	Leslie VanDermeer
Margaret Phyfe	Deborah Wheelock (Retiring)

Church School Teachers

Colleen Alfano	Colin Ingraham	Mary Helen Morris
David Alfano	Trevor Ingraham	Sarah Morris
Jadesola Ariyibi	Kristen Jacks	Cara Olmsted
Jennifer Benoit	Greg Kuppenheimer	Anne Pfetsch
Duly Chiappetta	Kimberly Kuppenheimer	Melanie Pfetsch
Christine Collins	Debbie LaCivita	Kelly Phillips
Margot De Riemer	Fred Laffan	Beth Press
Tommy Glover	Nanette Laffan	Pamela Riggs
Olivia Hartwell	Charlotte Lorthioir	Richard Riggs
Jenna Hascher	Frederick Lorthioir	Lori Romano
Erlinda Haviland	Mark Mohn	Christina Russell
Larry Haviland	Mark Montgomery	Michael Russell
Susan Heidere		Peter Russell

Sarah Schneider
Chris Schoen
Shaw Speer
Jack Taylor
Peter Thalheim

Connie Van Rhyn
Hans Van Rhyn
Jeff Waggaman
Peg Wentworth
Henry Wheelock

Gillian Woodman
Stephanie Woodman



Church School Teachers 2013 - 2014

Find out why these and other "seasoned" teachers keep coming back to teach our children. We would love to have you join the team. It is easier than you think. There will be a place for you if you have a specific gift to share (piano, brass, strings, voice, visual art, cooking, photography). And you can sign up for three weeks only. Talk to Rosemary about the possibilities.

Chris Schoen (3's & 4's)
Margot DeRiemer (3's & 4's)
Daniel Lepoutre (Toddler Room)
Sarah Schneider (K/1 or 3rd)
Peg Wentworth (2nd Grade)
Cara Olmsted (2nd or 5th)
Greg & Kimberly Kuppenheimer (3rd)
Gillian Woodman (3rd Grade)

Fred Laffan (3rd or Middle School)
Kristen Jacks (4th Grade)
Stephanie Woodman (4th Grade)
Kristin Taylor (5th Grade)
Fred Lorthioir (Middle School)
Anne Pfetsch (Middle School)
Peter Thalheim (Middle School)
Lori Romano (where needed)

Calendar

TODAY

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 16. We thank you, parents and teachers, for your support and commitment to our Church School program. To honor our teachers, the Church School Task Force will make a

donation in memory of Avery Manchester's son who was a faithful public servant and teacher in Tanzania.

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 is finished for the summer and will return in the fall.

Summer Choir

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).



linc is moving to the Beach! Our 5:00 pm service is done until the fall, but *linc* will now be taking place at 8:00 am at Tod's Point starting *next Sunday, June 16*. Be sure to join us!

NEWS AND NOTICES

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Sunday, June 2: *Happy First Anniversary to our FCCOG's Interim pastor, Rev. John Collins.*

Monday, June 3: Manager Maria has 4 or 5 categories of items 50% off through Saturday. Come in and check out our selections for Father's Day, weddings and prom nights. Please bring along your donations when you stop to shop.

Sunday, June 16: *Happy Father's Day.* Come and visit the Father's Day window which pays tribute to the Fathers in our lives. The old classic cars and airplane are not to be missed!

Welcome to The Rummage Room Committee for 2013 - 2014: Co-Chairs: Prill Meyer and Persis Alden; Erna Olson, Treasurer; Beth Rollins, Helen Hallas, Lynda Elliott; and new to the committee: Janet Blasberg and Mary Jo Watson. The Rummage Room Manager: Maria Drieghe. Nancy McConnell is the chair for *The Rummage Room's Really Big 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday October 5, 2013.* Save the dates.

The Allocation Committee for 2013 - 2014: Co-chairs: Cynthia DeRiemer and Nancy Fountain. Committee: Judy Miller; Frosty Friedman; Michaela Fossom; Tina Birkic. And new to the committee: Donna Hascher; Bobbie Hopkins; Melanie Garnett.

Wish List for June: Items for Father's Day; wedding dresses; prom wear; a large tea pot; bikes for all ages; a doll house. And shoes; good handbags and jewelry, including watches, for *Opening Day, Monday August 6, 2013.*

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-4:30 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

Sign on a Church Billboard: *The Meek shall inherit the Earth ... that is if it's all right with you!*

Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Heritage Sunday

Music by The Summer Choir:

The Lord is a Mighty God by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Day by Day by Martin How

Rev. Dan England, preaching

8:00 am *linc* Beach Service – Greenwich Point

Beginning next Sunday, June 16, *linc* will move to its summer home and summer time. FCCOG's summer Beach Services are a wonderful, casual time for worship, communion and community. Please join us. 5:00 pm *linc* services will return in the fall!

Faith Singers 2013
Summer Mission Tour



Friday | June 7 | 7:30 p.m.
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108 Sound Beach Avenue
Old Greenwich, CT



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Community Church

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