

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

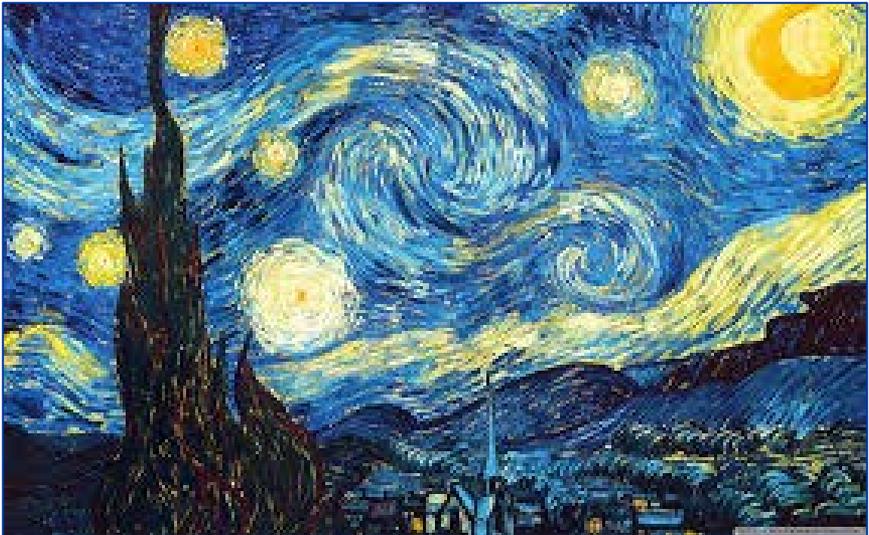
*United Church  
of Christ*

*Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015*

## *Father's Day Sunday*

**21 June 2015**

10 o'clock in the morning



*The Starry Night - Vincent van Gogh 1889*

*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.*



*For Meditation:*

*Deep peace of the running wave to you.*

*Deep peace of the flowing air to you.*

*Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.*

*Deep peace of the shining stars to you.*

*Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.*

- Gaelic blessing

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**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

**PRELUDE**

*Allegretto*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*

Felix Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

**FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*Enid Norris*

**PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Praise the Lord!*

*People: Praise the Lord from the heavens!*

*Leader: Praise him sun and moon and shining stars!*

*People: Praise the Lord from the earth!*

*Leader: Praise him all you sea creatures, wild animals, fruit trees and singing birds.*

*People: Praise the Lord, men and women alike, old and young together!*

*All: Let all of creation praise the Lord!*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

\*HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 66

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days. For then we have you to lean upon. Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days, for then we can share that which we have with those who have less. And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends. For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak. For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness. For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing. For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company. For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope. Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most — Peace. *Maya Angelou*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST LESSON

*Jean Watkins*

Luke 12:22-32

“**T**herefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first

for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.”

From *New Revised Standard Version*

**ANTHEM**

*The Summer Choir*

*Go Not Far From Me, O God*

Luigi Zingarelli (1752-1837)

*Go not far from me, far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me.*

*O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing Thy glory and honor all day long.*

**SECOND LESSON**

**Psalm 8**

**O** Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all the sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

From *New Revised Standard Version*

**\*HYMN**

*The Spacious Firmament on High (CC\*)* Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 72

**SERMON**

*Semper ad Astra*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

LORD'S PRAYER (*"debts"*)

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Heavens Are Telling*

*The Summer Choir*

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

*Carol Woodman, soprano*

*Drew Seigla, tenor*

*Thomas Woodman, bass*

\*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

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

\*HYMN

*O How Glorious, Full of Wonder*

New Century (black) Hymnal 558

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*March*

Felix Alexandre Guilmant

\*CC = Congregation Choice

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*Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.*

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

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of John Timothy Harrington, father of Betsy Moore, Sam Harrington, Hannah Graziano, and June Coble.

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. On Church School Sundays we also have a class for 3 and 4-year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

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.

## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### **Church School**

Today we continued *Bible Stories at the Beach* at our 8:00 am Beach Service and will continue this program July 5 and 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.

#### **Bible Study**

Join us this morning at 11:20 am in the Lounge for the last Bible Study of the season. All are welcome. Bible Study will return again in the fall.

## Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. If our Fellowship Hour is held outside, Sue will be in the Memory Garden. If held inside due to the weather, Sue will be available in the Church Office.

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## THIS WEEK

### *Nights Off Women's Group*

Weather-permitting, the *Nights Off* Women's Group will gather down at the beach (Greenwich Point) *tomorrow, Monday, June 22* at 6:00 pm. This is a great time to socialize and catch up with your friends (old and new). Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Look for the group after going around the point past the Yacht Club and sailing school. We will gather at one of the picnic tables along the water, so just start down the path from the parking lot and look for us. All are always welcome to our *Nights Off* gatherings, Please join us and bring a friend along. Questions, please contact Shirley Flierl at [fbtworld@aol.com](mailto:fbtworld@aol.com).



### *Summer Sings! Returns This Wednesday*

Do you miss singing in your choir during the summer months? Then join *Summer Sings!* Come as you are **this Wednesday, June 24**, from 7:30-9:30 pm and within these 2 hours we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of Johannes Brahms' *Requiem*. 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! This 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season will continue on July 29 and August 26. See [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org) for more details.



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## NEXT WEEK

### **Beach Services are Back!**

Beach Services are held at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer, weather permitting (except for 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 10:00 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).

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## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **For the Love of Our Children**

One way to attract families to our congregation is to have strong Sunday morning programs for our children. There are many ways to lend a hand and heart and it does NOT have to be every Sunday. If you would like to explore how you may be part of this very important ministry to our children, please contact Rosemary Lamie at [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org) or call her at 203-637-1791 ext. 20.

### **News from The Rummage Room**

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**Sunday, June 21:** Father's Day, first day of summer, barbecues, baseball, vacations ... what could be better? Shopping at The Rummage Room!

**Monday, June 22 through Saturday, June 27:** See the website for Maria's weekly 50% off sales at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/).

**Maria's Wish List:** Everything for summer and 4<sup>th</sup> of July; beach chairs; bikes for all ages; stroller; a cage for a small dog. Cashmere sweaters; jewelry; and handbags for The 51<sup>st</sup> Grand Reopening on Monday, August 24. Saturday, July 18 is the last day for donations

until August 25. Anything not used by The Rummage Room goes to the veterans and other charitable organizations.

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

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

**In Honor of Father's Day:** Fathers are one of nature's masterpieces! And, for some, our fathers are wonderful memories of yesteryears.

### Tai Chi Classes

TRY IT OUT! 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.

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

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

***June 28, 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**

***Bright Canaan* by Alice Parker/Robert Shaw**

***\*Rev. Mark Montgomery's  
final Sunday at First Church***

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration & Finance: Steve Summerton

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Director of Communications: Barbara Wilkov

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Director of Music Emeritus: Dr. John Stansell