

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Second Sunday after Pentecost

22 June 2014

10 o'clock in the morning



The Washing of the Feet by Ghislaine Howard (2004)
Methodist Collection of Modern Christian Art

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.



It is a pleasure to welcome you to worship at First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this first Summer Sunday! We invite you to put aside the cares of life and let this sacred time be a healing comfort in your life. As the pace of living slows and warm days invite relaxation, may God's soothing peace fill your spirit.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

**All who are able please stand.*

PRELUDE

March

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Mark Schweizer (b. 1956)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth and the fullness of the earth belong to God.

People: God blesses us with earth's beauty and with the fullness of life.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts of life.

People: Let us worship God with glad hearts and with hymns of praise!

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

New Century (black) Hymnal 28

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God, as we come together for worship on this summer morning, we thank you for the grace that redeems us; for the mercy which surrounds us; and for the promises which give us hope. May this time open our hearts and help us remove the barriers to love that distract us. May we see the innocence in all your people, and may we soften the hard edges of our lives that your loving presence may be known. We pray these things in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray saying,

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Olivia Hartwell

I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great

people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

From New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

SOLO

The Lord Reigns

Daniel Schlorff, bass

Eugene Butler (b. 1935)

SECOND LESSON

Olga Hartwell

John 13:1-9

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

From New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*HYMN

O My Soul, Bless Your Creator New Century (black) Hymnal 13

SERMON

I Used to be Somebody in This Town

Rev. John W. Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord, I Trust in Thee

The Summer Choir

G. F. Handel

*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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God New Century (black) Hymnal 12

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Laudate Dominum

Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

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

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Eva Fossum by her family.

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 worship 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.

NEXT WEEK

Beach Services Have Returned for the Summer

Beach Services are held each Sunday throughout the summer at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point, 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 also takes place at this time down at the beach throughout June and July, so bring the whole family!

Summer Choir is in Full Swing!

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 fccoghungermission@gmail.com.



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

Monday, June 23: Manager Maria will have several categories of summer merchandise for sale at 50% off all week.

Saturday June 28: *Great American Backyard Campout Day.* Camp out at The Rummage Room and hunt for some treasures.

Wish List for the Week: Beach chairs, coolers, patio furniture, utensils for cook-outs, yard games, chef's aprons; bikes for all ages; golf clubs and pull carts; summer clothing and accessories; 4th of July decorations and red, white and blue articles of clothing for adults and children; strollers and bouncy seats.

Hours of Operation: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday.

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

"Thank God for our children. Without them we would have never known how well red wine complements Chicken Nuggets!"

Next Week at First Congregational Church

8:00 am Worship Service at the Beach (Tod's Point)



10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
Music by The Summer Choir:
Love Divine All Loves Excelling by David Willcocks
Rev. Daniel England, preaching

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