

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

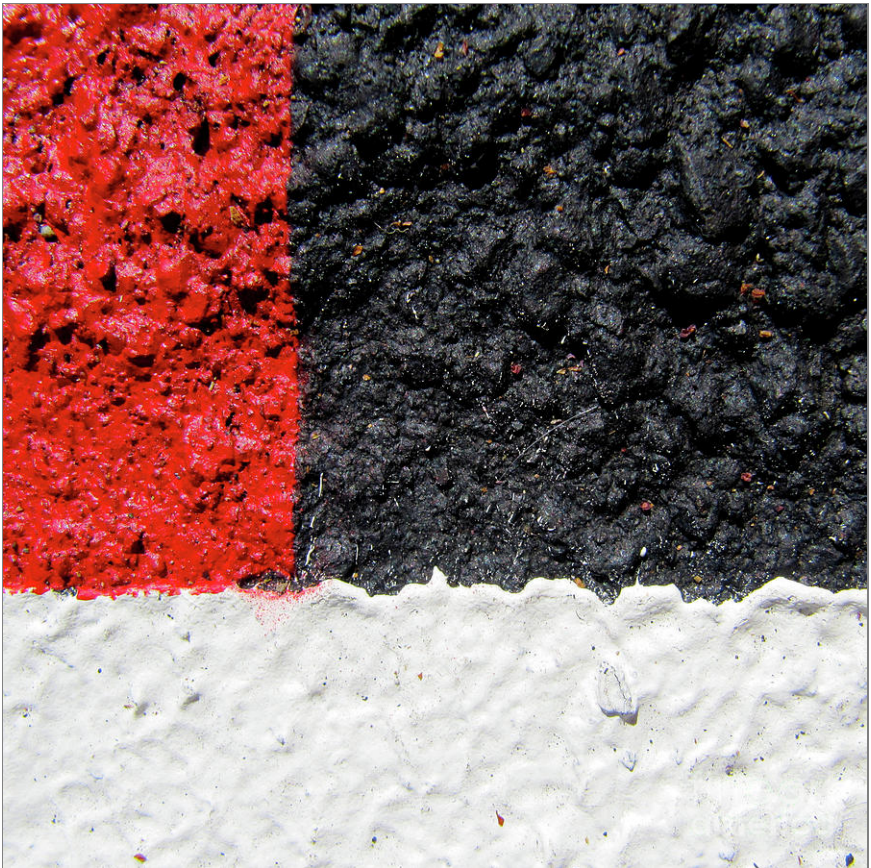
*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

23 June 2013

10 o'clock in the morning



Faith Hope Love by CML Brown

<http://cml-brown.artistwebsites.com/>

About the Cover from the Artist:

*Black is Faith because one must believe without seeing.
White is Hope for the light that it brings. Red is Love, it is
passionate and bold and the very symbol of life.*



*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 here at First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this first Sunday of summer. May you find comfort and challenge as we share in song, prayer and praise. We give thanks for the promise of summer...8:00 am services at Tod's Point, amazing choir in the Meetinghouse for 10:00 am services, coffee in the Memory Garden when weather permits. May we gain insight and inspiration, and strengthen "the ties that bind" us to each other, our Lord and all of creation.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

‡Seating of latecomers.

PRELUDE

Salvation is Come to Us This Day

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Anonymous

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *(in unison)*

Rev. Daniel B. England

O God, who has neither dawn or evening yet who sends us the alternate mercies of the darkness and the day: as you lift the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with your morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and, though all else decline, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk while it is yet day in the steps of him who with the fewest hours finished your divinest work.

James Martineau (1805-1900)

***‡HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 15

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Eternal God, who commits to us the swift and solemn trust of life: since we know not what a day may bring forth but only that the hour for serving you is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of your holy will, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of your Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence, or fear. Consecrate with your presence the way our feet may go; and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on your sure will; and so may we be modest in our time of wealth, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death. In all things, draw us to the mind of Christ, that your lost image may be traced again, and you may own us as at one with him and you. Let us pray in Jesus' name...

James Martineau (1805-1900)

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.

*GLORIA

New Century (black) Hymnal 754

Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 22:19-28

You, God—don't put off my rescue!
Hurry and help me!
Don't let them cut my throat;
don't let those mongrels devour me.

If you don't show up soon,
I'm done for—gored by the bulls,
meat for the lions.
Here's the story I'll tell my friends when they come to worship,
and punctuate it with Hallelujahs:

Shout Hallelujah, you God-worshippers;
give glory, you sons of Jacob;
adore him, you daughters of Israel.
He has never let you down,
never looked the other way
when you were being kicked around.
He has never wandered off to do his own thing;
he has been right there, listening.

Here in this great gathering for worship
I have discovered this praise-life.
And I'll do what I promised right here
in front of the God-worshippers.
Down-and-outers sit at God's table
and eat their fill.
Everyone on the hunt for God
is here, praising him.

“Live it up, from head to toe.
Don't ever quit!”
From the four corners of the earth
people are coming to their senses,
are running back to God.
Long-lost families
are falling on their faces before him.
God has taken charge;
from now on he has the last word.

From *The Message*

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM
Almighty and Everlasting God

The Summer Choir
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 13:1-8; 13

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end.

Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit.

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

From *The Message*

*‡HYMN

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 355

SERMON

Lessons from Tim

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

O Clap Your Hands

Daniel Schlorff, bass

Don McAfee

*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

Once to Every Man and Nation

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 441

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

From the Depths of My Soul

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the worship service.

Weather permitting, we will meet in the Memory Garden.

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** 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.

Church Hall Meeting

Join us **TODAY** in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10:00 am worship service for our next Church Hall Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to update the congregation on the results of the Senior Pastor Survey.



linc has moved to the Beach! Our 5:00 pm service is done until the fall, but *linc* is now taking place at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point weather permitting. Be sure to join us!

THIS WEEK

First Church Preschool Open House

You are welcome to visit the First Church Preschool this *Wednesday, June 26* from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This Open House is for anyone interested in learning more about our preschool programs, including

families, real estate brokers, relocation agencies, etc. Attendees will have the chance to see our facilities, see the Summer Program in action, meet some of our staff, and ask questions about our program and curricula. Light refreshments will be available. Call 203-637-5430 or email darlak@fccog.org for more info.



Summer Sings! Returns Wednesday, June 26

Do you miss singing in your choir during the summer months? Then join *Summer Sings!* Come as you are this **Wednesday, June 26**,



from 7:30-9:30 pm and within these 2 hours we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of Beethoven's *Mass in C* (Schirmer Score). Music will be provided.

Hospitality, refreshments, and fun are all included

- FREE! No sign-up necessary. Just come ready to sing. We will meet in our air-conditioned Meetinghouse. Non-singers are also welcome to enjoy the evening!

NEXT WEEK

Summer Choir

Please join us on Sunday mornings this summer 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).



NEWS AND NOTICES

Memorial Donations for Tim Manchester

A number of people from our church family have inquired about making memorial contributions for Tim Manchester, Avery's son, who died tragically last month. To honor Tim's life, a Family Planning Center is being created in Tanzania to further the important work that Tim felt so passionately about. It is called the

Tim Manchester CCBRT Family Planning Center and you can make a gift online by visiting: <http://www.crowdrise.com/TimManchesterCCBRT/fundraiser/ChloeManchester>. You can also send a gift to: **Kupona Foundation - Tim Manchester Family Planning Center, 37 West 72nd Street, 3D New York, New York 10023.** To learn more about Tim and his impressive professional accomplishments please visit: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2813%2961234-9/fulltext>. Hard copies of this article are also available in the Church Office.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, June 24 through Saturday, June 29: Manager's picks for 50% off items on sale for the week.

Old Greenwich Sidewalk Sales: Thursday, June 27, Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29.

Wish List: Musical instruments including an accordion; children's, women's and men's bikes; umbrellas; cashmere sweaters; good jewelry; hand bags; and good bric-a-brac for the *Monday, August 26 Grand Reopening.*

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

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

NOTE: The Rummage Room will CLOSE for cleanup and repairs on *Wednesday, July 31 at 5:00 pm. LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS IS SATURDAY, JULY 20.*

The shop will open with all 'new' merchandise in celebration of its *49th Grand Reopening on Monday, August 26 at 10:00 am.*

Come early, come often.

Friends are the glue who help hold us together. A friend knows the song in your heart and can sing it back when you've forgotten the words.

Tai Chi Fitness with Luis Duarte

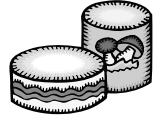
Improve your balance, health and well being. Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises.

Classes will be held on **Thursdays** at 9:00 am throughout the summer. (Wednesday morning classes will return in the fall). Only

\$7 per class if paid by the month, and \$8 per class for “drop ins.”
Join us! You’ll love it! **All are welcome.**

Food Collection

There continues to be great need for food at Neighbor to Neighbor. Please remember to contribute each week. The Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse.



Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Music by:

The Summer Choir

How Shall I Sing That Majesty? by J. R. Daniels

Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching

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get connected **amillinc** *Beach Service*

Beach Services are held each Sunday at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). Communion is served. Come and join us for this casual service.

Bible Stories at the Beach, our Summer Church School, also takes place at this time down at the beach, so bring the whole family!

The 5:00 pm *linc* service will resume in the fall.



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Check out our [YouTube](#) page, too!



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