

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

24 June 2012

10 o'clock in the morning



*David and Jonathan*

We welcome you to worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We are glad that you are here and hope that this time of worship, music, reflection and community is restorative for you. May the blessing of this community and the blessings of God's love greet you today.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

#### **PRELUDE**

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

*Jon Hunt, guest organist*

J. S. Bach

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **\*‡ HYMN**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*      New Century (black) Hymnal 275

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(in unison)*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live  
together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon  
the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down  
over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains  
of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore. *Psalm 133*

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **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**

*Pat Mendelsohn*

**1 Samuel 18:1-5, 18:10-16**

**W**hen David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

**SCRIPTURE ANTHEM**

*Teach Us, Good Lord*

*The Summer Choir*

Harvey Gaul

## SECOND LESSON

### Psalm 9:9-14

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

### \*‡HYMN

*We Sing to You, O God*

New Century (black) Hymnal 9

*(As the hymn begins, the Church School children will leave for Summer Church School with Rosemary.)*

### HOMILY

*"A Little Bit Goes a Long Way"*

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
*If Ye Love Me*

*The Summer Choir*  
Thomas Tallis

\*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

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 375

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Postlude in D*

Healey Willan

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

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.

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](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

### **Summer Church School**

Summer Church School continues today. We meet in a one-room schoolhouse format with children aged 4/5- 9/10; younger children are welcome in child care and older children are needed to help. You can meet your children after worship in the Preschool.

### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, RN is available in Room 203 after the Worship Service.

Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.

## **Y!** Program

The “Super Water Slide...Summer is Starting BONANZA” is today!

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### NEWS AND NOTICES

#### **4th of July Fireworks and Popcorn?**

Nothing says summer like fireworks on the 4th of July! Add in a little popcorn, and the day could just be perfect. Join us on the front lawn of FCCOG on *Saturday, July 7* (rain date, Sunday, July 8)! We will hand out free popcorn to those who are a part of the festivities! Would you like to volunteer to help? Contact Mark at the church.

#### **Summer Choir**

A new option for Summer Choir is available on the first Sunday of July and August. On those Sundays, anyone who would like an extra rehearsal of the anthems for that month is welcome to meet in the Choir Room following church from 11:30 am -12:00 noon. So join us *next Sunday, July 1*, to get a jump-start on the anthems for the month of July. Everyone is welcome to join the Summer Choir!

**The anthems for July are:**

*July 1: A Choral Fanfare*, Mark Schweizer

*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*, Irving Berlin, Arr. Roy Ringwald

*July 8: A Prayer of St. Columba*, Richard Shepherd

*July 15: O Savior of the World*, John Goss

*July 22: My Song in the Night*, Arlen Clarke

*July 29: All Things Bright and Beautiful*, John Rutter

#### **Church Hall Meeting**

The Church Committee and Board of Trustees would like to invite you to our second Church Hall Meeting, which will be held on *Sunday July 8*. Topics will include updates on the recommendations of the three Task Forces – Pastor Housing and Compensation, Governance, and Welcoming – and the process for initiating the search for our permanent Senior Pastor. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for discussion of topics of interest to

members of the congregation. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium following the 10:00 am worship service.

### **October Retreat Volunteers Needed**

The Faith Formation Committee is planning a terrific all-church retreat for *October 14* at the Audubon Society in north Greenwich. The theme for the day is *The Lord God Made Them All*. Plans are now coming together for matters such as food, activities, fun things and worship with members of Faith Formation heading up the effort. But we can't do it alone, **so please sign up to help in one of the categories on the poster in the auditorium during Coffee Hour**. And watch carefully for the opportunity to sign up to come to the retreat, instructions for which will be forthcoming soon. You see, the one fly in the ointment for what promises to be a great social and family time together is that there will be limited places, so don't miss out. October 14, 12:30 - 6:00 pm, lunch provided, frogs provided, provided you come.

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

Join us at Greenwich Point on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am for worship (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday.

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

Hours of Operation for June and July:

**Starting Monday, June 25:** Note Summer Hours - Open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and **Friday and Saturday**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Donations Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am to 12:30 am.

**July 28:** Note - we will close until the Reopening on Monday, August 27 at 10:00 am.

**Manager Maria's Wish List for the Week: Please Help - Donations are needed at once!** Last day for donations will be **Saturday, July 21**, but until then will you please consider cleaning out your closets? Summer clothing is needed the most so perhaps it would be a good time for your high school and college age students to clean out those things you have left hanging in your closets for far too long! Would you adults please do the same? Handbags, bric-a-brac, floor lamps



and bikes for all ages are also needed. Our mission gifts depend largely on your generous donations! Thank you.

**Old Chinese Proverb:** *Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a songbird will come.* Have a wonderful summer.

### 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 are held on **Wednesdays** at

8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. 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

A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse, so please contribute food each week. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery store visit will make a significant difference at Neighbor to Neighbor. Items currently in need are:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- 100% Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Peanut Butter (no larger than 28 oz., please)
- Jelly

If you’ve forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email [fccoghungermission@gmail.com](mailto:fccoghungermission@gmail.com) with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home and deliver to the Church for Neighbor to Neighbor.



*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

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

The Summer Choir:

*A Choral Fanfare*, Mark Schweizer

*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*, Irving Berlin,

Arr. Roy Ringwald

**Rev. John Collins, preaching**

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

FCCOG's summer Beach Services are a wonderful,  
casual time for worship, communion and community.

Please join us.

**Something NEW**  
**A Summer Wonderful Wednesday BBQ!**  
**Bring the Picnic to FCCOG!**



We have the grill - bring your own dogs, brats, burgers, etc.  
Bring a side dish to share.  
We'll have dessert and Sunday morning lemonade for the kids.  
Bring anything else your family would like for their dinner.

On the lawn and the Memory Garden patio. Rain or shine - come anytime!  
Games for the kids. Visit with friends and meet new ones.

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday July 11**

(Please note no alcoholic beverages can be consumed on church property)

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