

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

28 June 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



*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 The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We invite you to put aside the cares of life this morning 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

Adagio in Eb

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Eric Schless

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 3, 5)

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 64

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Oh God, we gather today to give thanks for your creation and celebrate our place in it. May we be open to your wisdom carried through the breeze, your sustenance given from the earth, your generosity experienced through our brothers and sisters. Gather us in, reminding us that all places and circumstances give us venue for praise. In this place, let us be nourished by your story so that we may see that story living in us as we tell our own.

LORD'S PRAYER (“debts”)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Take My Voice and Let Me Sing

The Youth Choir
Steve Kupferschmid
Carolyn Paulus, director
Vance Briceland, piano

Take my voice, and let me sing for Thee. Take my hands, and let them work for Thee. Take my feet, and make them swift, to bring every gift to Thee. Take my lips, and let them speak Thy praise. Take my mind, and let it count the ways.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it is no longer mine. Take my love each hour of every day. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it is Thy royal throne. Take my life, and let it be ... Take my voice and let me sing to you, my Lord and King. Take my life, and let it be for Thee.

FIRST LESSON

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Genesis 2:8-9 and 3:1-5

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

From New Revised Standard Version

Galatians 2:19-21

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

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ANTHEM

Bright Canaan

The Summer Choir

Arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'll join with them who've gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Where sin and sorrows are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

And higher still our joy they rise, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

THIRD LESSON

Barbara Norrgard

Revelation 21:1-4 and 22:1-2

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

From New Revised Standard Version

*HYMN

This is My Song

New Century (black) Hymnal 591

SERMON

From Creation to Contentment

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Total Praise

The Youth and Summer Choirs

R. Smallwood

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace you give me in time of the storm
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you.*

***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**

The Church's One Foundation

New Century (black) Hymnal 386

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Summer Choir

John Rutter (b. 1945)

POSTLUDE

Toccata on O God Our Help in Ages Past

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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Immediately following this morning's service, please join us for a special time of fellowship in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) to say farewell to Rev. Mark Montgomery. We will wish him God's blessing as he begins a new chapter of ministry in his life. It is a bittersweet time in the life of our congregation and we will deeply miss Mark's presence and ministry to First Church.

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 in the Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care.

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

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.

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.

NEXT WEEK

Summer Beach Services

Beach Services are held at 8 am at Greenwich Point throughout the summer, weather permitting (Note: There is no Beach Service on 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 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).

NEWS AND NOTICES

Caregivers Support Group in July

Due to the 4th of July holiday, our Caregivers Support Group will meet on *Sunday, July 12* this month instead of July 5, from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm in the **Lounge**. Please make a note of this. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister is the group facilitator and can be reached for more info at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

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.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

CALENDAR FOR THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE:

Today, Sunday, June 28: Old Greenwich Block Party 4:00-8:00 pm.
Don't miss it!

Monday, June 29: See Manager Maria's 50% off sales for the week through July 3 at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Maria's Wish List: Decorations, clothing for 4th of July. Good items and clothing and bric-a-brac for the August 25th Grand Reopening.

CALENDAR FOR JULY:

Saturday, July 4: Closed for Independence Day. Happy 4th of July!

Friday, July 10: The Rummage Room will be closing Fridays at 3:00 pm for the remainder of the month.

Saturday, July 18: *Last Day for Donations until Tues, August 25!*

Monday, July 27-Wednesday, July 29: *Everything 50% off.*

Maria's Famous Bag Sales:

- **Thurs, July 30:** All you can cram in a bag-\$12. 10 am-5 pm.
- **Fri, July 31:** All you can jam in a bag for \$8. 10 am-1 pm.
- **Sat, August 1:** All you can stuff in a bag for \$1. 10 am-1 pm.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST:

Mon, Aug 3-Mon, Aug 24: Rummage Room will be closed for restocking & repairs. *Do not leave donations while the shop is closed!*

Mon, August 24: 51st Grand Reopening from 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Tuesday, August 25: First day for donations 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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

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

Montgomery from The Rummage Room: We will try not to cry because it's over, but smile because *you* happened!!



Next Week at First Congregational Church
10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
July 5, 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
Blessed is the Nation by Allen Orton Gibbs
Jon Hunt, guest organist/director
Rev. Richard DenUyl, preaching

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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration & Finance: Steve Summerton

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Director of Communications: Barbara Wilkov

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Director of Preschool: Darla Kohler Steiner

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Director of Music Emeritus: Dr. John Stansell