

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Third Sunday after Pentecost

29 June 2014

10 o'clock in the morning



Glorious Morning by Paul DiLorenzo
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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 welcome you to worship here at First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Lord's Day, for Christians have long celebrated Sunday as the day of the resurrection of Jesus. We gather here this morning for prayer, for singing, for the hearing of God's word and to be a part of something much larger than ourselves. If you are visiting with us this morning, we invite you to join us after the service for coffee...in the Memory Garden (weather-permitting) or in the Auditorium -- just ask anyone for directions.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 16

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

O Lord our God, we are here with our fellow believers in your goodness, love and peace. We have faith that you are leading us in our life's journey, calling us to a daily quest for service to others, compassion for the poor and in hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, we need you and each other and we give you thanks for this church and for all who give themselves to its life and vitality. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ who

so loved us that he gave his life that we may have life both abundant and eternal. We pray your Spirit will be present with us this morning in the music, the words, the prayers and the thoughts that we offer up to you this day. 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

Car Westbrook

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

From *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead

The Summer Choir

Arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

SECOND LESSON

Mark 5:21-24; 35-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome

with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

From New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

HYMN (please remain seated)

Christopher Pfund, tenor

Through it All (words and music below)

Andre Crouch

(Chris will sing the verses, and Choir and Congregation will sing the refrain below after each verse)

1
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Je-sus, I've

4
learned to trust in God. Through it all,

6
through it all, I've learned to de-pend up-on His word.

SERMON

Sleeping and Waking

Rev. Daniel B. England

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

The Summer Choir

David Willcocks (b. 1919)

***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**

Thine is the Glory

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 193

LITURGY OF FAREWELL TO REV. DAN ENGLAND

John Collins: Greeting

Dan England: *I thank First Congregational Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown to me during my time of ministry here. I am grateful for all the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me your spirit and all that I have learned here.*

Congregation: *We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.*

Elaine Teeters: *Do you the members and friends of First Congregational Church release Dan from the duties of Associate Minister of Communication and Adult Education?*

Congregation: *We do with the help of God.*

Elaine: *Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry soon to begin at The First Congregational Church of Litchfield?*

Congregation: *We do with the help of God.*

Avery Manchester: *Do you, Dan, release this church from turning to you and depending on you?*

Dan: *I do, with the help of God*

Avery: *Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here?*

Dan: *I do, with the help of God*

Mark Montgomery: **Closing Prayer**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

Gavotte

William Boyce (1719-1779)

Immediately following this morning's service we will hold a Special Time of Fellowship to say farewell to Rev. Dan England and 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 Dan's presence and ministry to First Church. Please join us to express your gratitude to Dan as we celebrate his ministry among us.

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 During 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

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, June 30: Several categories of clothing or other items 50% off through **Saturday, July 5.**

Friday, July 4: *The Rummage Room will be closed for Independence Day.* Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

Saturday, July 5: The Rummage Room will be open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Saturday, July 29: *Last day for donations until Tuesday, August 26.*

If you have been thinking about cleaning out your closets, please think of bringing items to The Rummage Room. Our customers have helped raise over 4 million dollars to help women and children in need over the past 50 years. There is *always* the need!!

August 2: The Rummage Room will close for cleaning and repairs until the **Grand Reopening on August 25.**

Manager Maria's Wish List: Please - Maria needs good handbags and cashmere sweaters for the Grand Reopening on August 25.

Shopping Hours: 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.

President Woodrow Wilson (1856 to 1924): *The flag is the embodiment not of sentiment, but of history.*

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:

I Vow to Thee, My Country, arr. by James Kirkby

Jon Hunt, guest organist

Rev. Avery Manchester, preaching

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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Director of Communications: Barbara Wilkov

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

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Director of Music Emeritus: Dr. John Stansell