

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Children's Sunday

5 June 2016

10 o'clock in the morning



by Amber Hadden

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 warmly welcome you to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Children's Sunday as our Church School leads us in worship. Please join us after worship for our Fellowship Hour in the Memory Garden and our Volunteer Fair on the front lawn.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul

Jon Hunt, organist

Brahms

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your pew.

Rev. Meghan D. Young

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Car Westbrook, Clerk

PRAISING GOD

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

This Train Is Bound For Glory
& When The Saints Go Marching In

Cherub Choir

Donald Haviland, Director

Debbie Berner, piano

***OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSIONAL**

O God in Whom All Life Begins

New Century (black) Hymnal 401

GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

*We are gathered today to give thanks and praise God,
and to show our love for God.*

4th & 5th Grade

We thank God for coming into our lives

*and welcoming everyone into this church
and for our families who always love us.
We shall always be giving and not expect anything in return.
We are all faithful to God today.
Help us to be present and mindful of all the good things
you give us every day.
And, thank you for taking this time to worship
with us and praise God. Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

*We now invite you to hear the Lord's Prayer as our Kindergarteners and 1st
Graders offer it on your behalf.*

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

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

3rd Grade Teachers: We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

3rd Grade Parents: We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

Senior Deacon: The entire congregation is pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

All: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Callie Richards, 3rd Grade

Galatians 5:22-23, 25-26

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

From *New Revised Standard Edition*

ANTHEM

Bring Forth The Kingdom

The Children's Choir
Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
Donald Haviland, Director
Vance Briceland, piano

SERMON

"An Original"

678 Class

ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Intergenerational Orchestra
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Carolyn Paulus, Director

RESPONDING TO GOD

THANKSGIVING & RECOGNITION

Rosemary Lamie

Leader: Today, we recognize and affirm all of our Church School teachers, with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

People: *We give thanks to God for their time and talent.*

Leader: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers.

People: *Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through the gift of teaching.*

Leader: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

ALL: *As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers have given to our children.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

4th & 5th Grade

CALL TO OFFERING

2nd Grade

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

The Summer Choir
Arr. Mark Schweizer

***DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We practice open Communion – all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God's people are welcome to receive Communion, including children of all ages, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation. All are welcome to the table of God.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (note, gluten-free bread is available) as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup (grape juice) until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude,
for this moment, this meal, these people.*

We give ourselves to you.

*Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.*

*Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.*

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

Refrain

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.*

*BENEDICTION

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary

Peeters

At the beginning of the Postlude the Third Graders will leave the Sanctuary. Everyone else is invited to listen to the Postlude before going to Fellowship Hour.

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Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Memory Garden following the worship service.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of our parents by Don, Phyllis, Jeff and Jeanie Freeman.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of David Whitman Durland by Mary Durland, Kenneth and Susan Huskey, Marybeth Durland and Matthew Durland.

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. We also now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where the parents can be comfortable *and* still be part of worship. Please see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations.

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.

Third Graders Receiving Bibles

Alexander Higgins Arnold
Robert George Finch
Leighton Elizabeth Krueger
Francesca Vittoria Lotufo
Caitlyn Carey O'Gorman

Kendall M. Quick
Callie Oakley Richards
Ellen Belle Romano
Emma Judith Schneider
Charles Robert Smith

Church School Task Force

Donna Hascher	Margaret Phyfe
Diane Jenkins	Laura Pugliese
Diane Kretschmann	Lori Romano
Paul Kretschmann	Sarah Schneider
Nanette Laffan	Elaine Teeters
Rosemary Lamie	Peg Wentworth
Dorothy Mueller	Rev. Meghan Young
Cara Olmsted	

Church School Teachers

Colleen Alfano	Daniel Lepoutre (HS)
Matt Ambrose (HS)*	Charlotte Lorthioir (HS) **
Amanda Bomann	Michele Mozian
Amy Cass (HS) **	Drew Mohn (HS)
Sarah Cleworth	Nishani Naidoo
Margot De Riemer (HS) **	Cara Olmsted
Cindy DiPreta	Anne Pfetsch
Lindy Freeman	Olivia Pfetsch (HS)
Parker Freeman (HS)	Agnes Potyra
Yevgeniya Golodinskii (HS)	Sarah Schneider
Ivan Golodinskii (HS) **	Monika Shubert
Olivia Gurciullo (HS)	Heather Sahrbeck
Donald Haviland	Lori Romano
Larry Haviland	Virginia Richards
Erlinda Haviland	Lilian Ruiz
Kristen Jacks	Audrey Thalheim (HS)
Carol Jackson	Peg Wentworth
Carly Jenkins (HS) **	Connie Van Rhyn
Connie Kurczewski	Hans Van Rhyn (HS) **
Steve Kurczewski	Gillian Woodman (HS) **
Shauna Leek	Stephanie Woodman (HS) **

Substitutes: Jadesola Ariyibi (HS)*

Chris Schoen, Lauren O'Donnell (HS), Ellie Garnett (HS), Monika Sikorska (HS)

(HS) High School Student

(HS)* Graduating Senior

(HS)** Taught all four years of high school

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today we celebrate our children and their teachers. We also celebrate our parents who bring their children to us to learn, pray and play together. We thank you, parents and teachers, for your support and commitment to our Church School Program. Church School will continue through June and July at the 8:00 am Beach Service and at the 10 am service in an all age program for 5 year olds and older. Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday for babies through 4 years old.

Volunteer Fair – Today!

Join us on the front lawn for our Volunteer Fair. Come hear more about the organizations FCCOG supports and find out all about the ways you and your family can volunteer with them. Many thanks to our Outreach Committee for sponsoring this wonderful opportunity!

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Fellowship Hour.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Summer Choir – All Welcome!

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, starting at **9:00 am in the Meetinghouse** for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that morning. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 22).

Call to Special Meeting

June 12, 2016

A Special Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday, June 12, 2016 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 am worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and Committee members and to fill certain other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016;
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016;
- To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees;
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Refugee Task Force: Update

The Refugee Task Force has been meeting since March, to explore the possibility of FCCOG co-sponsoring a refugee family. After much initial research, we have decided to fill out an application for co-sponsorship through IRIS, to be submitted only with Church Council approval. Next steps are to begin researching area school systems, child care, and health care for our application. If you are interested in helping with these tasks, please consider joining us at 7 PM in the Senior Pastor's Office on Monday, June 6. *For more information, please contact Jean Bruder at gbruder1@verizon.net.*

Beach Services Return Sunday, June 19

Youth Sunday

Join us for Youth Sunday, as our Youth Choir sings and our Youth lead us in worship at both the Beach and Sanctuary services.

Beach Services are at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday. We're trying some new and creative things this summer, so 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 canceled 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 10:00 am service in the Meetinghouse will continue every Sunday throughout the summer.

Everyone Is Invited to be Part of Church School 2016-2017

It is time to think about sharing your faith and skills with our children in Church School next year. For Kindergarten & 1st grade, 2nd grade and 4th & 5th grades, you will be able to sign up for specific

topics and specific activities for 3-5 week units. Activities will include art, cooking, science, spiritual practices and more. Both Workshop Leaders and Shepherds are needed and the lessons and materials are provided for you.

Here is the schedule:

September 18 – October 16: Blessings and Birthrights (the story of Jacob & Esau)

October 23 – November 13: Baptism

December 4 – December 18: Advent Lessons

January 8 – February 12: Stories of Jesus' Ministry

February 26 – April 2: Preparing our hearts for Easter

April 23 – May 28: Preparing for Children's Sunday

We will still need yearlong teaching teams for 3's and 4's and the 3rd grade as well as Child Care providers for babies and toddlers.

If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities please contact Rosemary at RosemaryL@fccog.org, she will be very happy to hear from you!

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, June 6: Check out the 50% off sales for the week on the FCCOG web site.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Men's ties; Table Linens; Women's Scarves.

Remember: Father's Day is June 19. Come in soon for great buys in clothing and other merchandise for Dad.

Shop Hours: 10:00-5:00 pm Mon - Fri & 10:00 to 1:00 pm on Sat.

Donations: 9:30 - 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs & 9:30 - 2:30 pm Fri.-Sat.

Thought for the Month: "We should never judge another until we, ourselves, have to walk a mile in another's footsteps. Only then do we see the fallacy of our too-quick-judgement." --Gerald R. Ford (1913-2006)

The Rummage Room greatly appreciates those of you who frequently shop and donate because as you know, all proceeds go to help those in need of food, clothing, educations and health.



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Transitional Associate Pastor: Rev. Meghan D. Young

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Youth Coordinator: Donald Haviland

Director of Church Administration & Finance: Steve Summerton

Administrative Assistant - Operations: Donna White

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Director of Preschool: Darla Kohler Steiner