

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10 March 2013

10 o'clock in the morning



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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 warmly welcome you to worship this morning at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich as we continue our journey through the season of Lent. We pray that this time together will be a tonic for your spirit and an opportunity to feel deeply the graceful peace of God's love.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

‡Seating of latecomers.

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

The Palmer Handbell Choir

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Mary Fike, flute

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

CALL TO THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY – “Keep the Faith”

PRAISING GOD

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Row the Boat Ashore

The Cherub Choir

Traditional

Donald Haviland, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the source of all truth, to the author of life.

People: We dare approach our Creator in humility and thanksgiving.

Leader: God calls us away from the worship of things, from idols that block our view of grace.

People: God is unknown to us only when we have closed our hearts to love.

Leader: In Christ, God comes to us again saying, "I will not leave you desolate."

People: We need God's Spirit, listening to us and healing our lives.

***‡HYMN**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 157

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Gracious God, we gather as ministers of your good news to explore the unsearchable riches of Christ. We take seriously the mandate you have given us, to receive the gospel promises and become members of the Body of Christ. In all the ways we have neglected your call to us, we ask forgiveness. Encounter us again with your extravagant grace, and encourage us to confront the powers that destroy our connection to your Spirit. Give us boldness and confidence to follow where Christ would lead us. We pray in Jesus' name, whose prayer we pray together,

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.

***RESPONSE**

New Century (black) Hymnal 208 (verse 1)

God loved the world, and loving gave a wondrous gift, the lost to save, that all who would in Christ believe should everlasting life receive.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Al Primo

1 Kings 19:9-12

And there Elijah came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are

you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

From RSV

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis

The Children's Choir

Carol McClure

Vance Briceland, piano

SECOND LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

From NRSV

*‡HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 212

(During the hymn, the children will go with Rosemary to the Daniels Center for a Big Event. Parents should meet their children in the Daniels Center after worship.)

SERMON

The Master Voice

Rev. John W. Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Daniel B. England

CALL TO OFFERING AND LENTEN OFFERING APPEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

The Chancel Choir
James Biery (b. 1956)

***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**

Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 416

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Rondo

Jayson Engquist, organ
John Bull (1563-1628)

** Please join us for Coffee Hour following the worship service.*



Music Notes:

The Chancel Choir sings a beautiful setting of the Latin chant, *Ubi Caritas*. The most familiar musical setting is by Maurice Duruflé. This new version is by James Biery, who is Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in suburban Detroit. He previously served at the Catholic cathedrals in Minneapolis and Hartford. Jim's wife, Marilyn, is also a well-known composer and was Craig's successor at his church in Royal Oak, MI where he served for 15 years before coming to Old Greenwich. Retaining the flowing feeling of Gregorian chant, Jim says this about his setting: "Using sumptuous harmonies, it features a recurring statement of the text, 'Where true love and charity are found, God is there.' The chant-like verses inspire us to set aside petty quarrels and to experience, as one family, God's limitless and pure joy."

The translation is:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
As we are gathered into one body,
Beware, lest we be divided in mind.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease,
And may Christ our God be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
And may we with the saints also,
See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good,
Unto the ages through infinite ages.

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of James Anderson III by his 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

Today Church School is in a one room schoolhouse format where our children will "*Walk Through Holy Week*" including Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday! Also, at 9:00 am our 3rd Graders and their families attended the annual Bible Breakfast. Next Sunday, regular classes resume. Also, a Hold the Date reminder: **Saturday, March 30**, Easter Saturday, from 10:00 am to Noon, we will hold our annual egg dyeing event. This year it includes a scavenger hunt in the Meetinghouse.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals today are: Youth Choir from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm in the Choir Room and Children's Choir from 11:15 to 12 Noon in Room 303 (Craig's office). There is no Cherub Choir rehearsal.

Blood Pressure Screening

A member of the Wellness Committee will be available to take blood pressures in Room 203 immediately following the Worship Service.

Stained Glass Window Tour Today After Church

Today we will have a tour of the Meetinghouse stained glass windows, conducted by Tamara Ng-Yow and Pat Larrabee. It will be held after church at 11:15 am, so there's time to attend Coffee Hour



first! If you can't make it, there are 3 booklets in the reading rack at the entrance to the Meetinghouse for you to borrow at any time to take a tour on your own. You can also take a tour on our website:

<http://www.fccog.org/about-us/our-building/our-stained-glass-window-tour/>

Friendship Quilt

The friendship quilt for David and Michelle Young is completed! Thanks to all of you who completed a square, stitched and quilted. The quilt will be on display at Coffee Hour today and next Sunday.



At our *linc* service today we welcome a guest speaker. Join us at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium. This is a casual service good for all ages, so come as you are and bring the whole family!

NEXT WEEK

Wellness Second Hour - *Sunday March 17*

The Wellness Committee is pleased to welcome Lise Jameson, LCSW, Executive Director of *At Home In Greenwich, Inc.*, an organization that assists senior residents of Greenwich with both the practical means and the confidence to live their lives to the fullest in their own homes as they grow older. They provide peace of mind by offering many services including referrals (from healthcare to home repair), social work assessments, and varied social events. Ms. Jameson will explain this unique local program and answer our questions. We hope you can join us in the Lounge after Worship Service (approximately 11:15 am).

Nights Off Women's Group

Nights Off will be meeting on *Monday, March 18* at 6:30 pm at the home of Sue Asselin. We will be watching the movie, *Get Real, Wise Women Speak* with a short discussion to follow. Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Any questions, call Shirley Flierl at 203-629-4939 or email her at FBTworld@aol.com.



All women of the church are invited to attend. Call a friend and invite them to join us!

CPR & Defibrillator Practice

Saturday, March 23 there are 2 opportunities to refamiliarize oneself with the church's AED (defibrillator) - 9:00 am and 10:30 am. These one-hour refresher classes are intended for individuals who are currently certified in CPR, and do not result in any further certification. For those individuals who were certified at FCCOG last March, your certification is good for 2 years, and this purely provides practice with our own model of AED and a run through of CPR. Please contact your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, at x21 to register.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Call to a Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, Connecticut, is hereby called for *Sunday, March 24, 2013*, immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse to adopt the budget for 2013. **Note:** After the adjournment of the Congregational Meeting a Church Hall Meeting will be held.

Kathleen McLennan, Church Clerk

Current and Former Ushers Needed

We will need **8** ushers for the two Easter services (9:00 and 11:00 am). If you will be able to help at either service, please call Bobby Littlefield at 203-967-3341 or email her at bobbylitt@aol.com. Your help will be much appreciated!

Coming Up: New Weekday Bible Study with Rev. Dan England Starts *Thursday, March 21, 10:15-11:15 am*

This class is great for those who would like to understand the Bible but have no background in it. The class is open to anyone and everyone. Join us twice a month on Thursdays, starting March 21, 10:15-11:15 am in Room 104.



Soup Sale Thank You

A big “thank you” to our soup-makers from the Women’s Fellowship – we had a successful sale of 205 quarts of soup!

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Sunday, March 10: Daylight Savings time began today. Make sure you have set your clocks *forward*.

Monday, March 11: The Rummage Room is in a "Springtime State of Mind" and you won't want to miss a single moment to view the all "new" Spring collection of clothing and accessories. St. Patrick's Day clothing and decorations will be 50% off Monday through Saturday.

Monday, March 18: Manager Maria will have a 50% off sale on selected Spring merchandise Monday through Saturday.

Monday, March 25: *All Easter decorations will be 50% off through Saturday, March 30.*

Friday, March 29: ***THE RUMMAGE ROOM WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY.***

Saturday, March 30: Open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for last minute shopping.

Maria's Wish List: Women and men's belts; handbags; jewelry; children's clothing; boy's ties; men's shoes.

Shopping Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. (Closed Good Friday)

Donation Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. (Closed Good Friday)

Each moment of the year has its own beauty. Today we've sprung forward toward our journey into Springtime. God's timing is perfect for the needed lift to our hearts. And so, too, is the timing of the beautiful Easter windows at The Rummage Room. Come and have a look.

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. 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! **Good for all levels.** **NOTE:** The Wednesday morning class needs more attendees or it will no longer be available. Please pass this information along to anyone you think might be interested.



Easter Memorial/Honor Flowers and Brass

The Chancel Committee invites contributions for flowers in the Meetinghouse this Easter and, for the first time this year, the Church Committee also invites contributions for Easter Brass. You may give to one, the other or both. Any amount is welcome. Please deliver the completed form with your check to the Church Office (payable to *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*) on or before *Sunday, March 24*. Thank you.

Please accept my contribution to (check 1 or both):

_____ Easter Flower Fund _____ Easter Brass

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

By:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Music by: The Chancel Choir

A Litany, by Phillip Moore

Rev. Dan England, preaching



linc Worship Service 5:00 pm in the Auditorium.

Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching

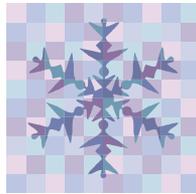
Our *linc* worship is casual, so just come as you are!

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

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