

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

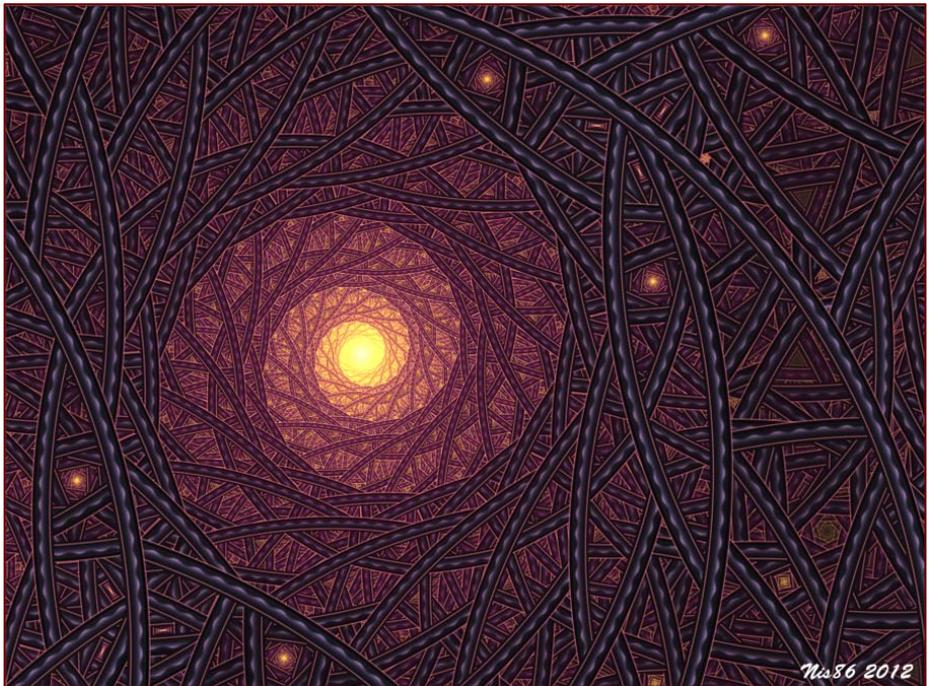
*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Third Sunday in Lent

23 March 2014

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.



Welcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We are glad that you are here and hope that this is a time of restoration and renewal. Today, we will hear texts about being created in the image of God. What does this mean to you? How does this affect your life?

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

‡Seating of latecomers.

PRELUDE

Allegro Moderato

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Felix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as a part of God's creation.

People: Created in the image of God, we seek to recognize God in each other.

Leader: We gather as an imperfect people.

People: We pray that God may amplify the best of who we are and teach us to manage our shortcomings in ways that show God's work through us.

Leader: We gather as God's people.

People: Just as we are, let us worship together.

***‡HYMN**

Lift Up Your Hearts

New Century (black) Hymnal 38

OPENING PRAYER

Gentle...yet powerful.
Lowly...yet almighty.
Shepherd...yet King.

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

In Your gentleness, guide us.
In Your power, strengthen us.
In Your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride which only destroys us.
In Your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things.
As a shepherd, call us to be Your servants.
As a King, call us to be Your royal priesthood.

O God, who is our shepherd and our King;
O Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead;
O Spirit, who comforts and empowers;
O great One in Three, Holy Trinity, this hour, set us free to worship.
Let us pray as we have been taught...

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. John W. Collins

(After the Children's Message, the children will go to the Auditorium for a "Service Sunday" program. Parents should meet their children in the Auditorium after worship.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

Genesis 1:27

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Matthew 1:1-6, 16

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah... and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

From *New Revised Standard Version*

PSALM

Psaume de la Création (below)

Patrick Richard

(Congregation and choir sing refrain after each verse.)

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

Mary Fike, flute

Psaume de la création

REFRAIN

Patrick Richard

6 Mon Dieu, tu es grand tu es beau, Dieu vi-vant, Dieu très haut

11 tu es le Dieu d'a-mour Mon Dieu tu es grand tu es beau, Dieu vi-vant, Dieu très haut, Dieu pré-sent en tou-te cré-a-tion.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the refrain with a double bar line.

Translation:

I want to cry My God! You are great, You are beautiful

Living God, God on high, You are the God of love!

My God, You are great, You are beautiful, O living God

God on high, God present in every creature.

Matthew 5:14-16

“**Y**ou are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

From New Revised Standard Version

*‡HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

New Century (black) Hymnal 306

SERMON

Image of God

*Rev. Da Vita “Day” McCallister
Associate Conference Minister
Youth & Young Adult Ministries
The UCC Connecticut Conference*

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Daniel B. England

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

*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

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

New Century (black) Hymnal 55

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue sur le Trompette

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the worship service.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in our Preschool classrooms. 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.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Da Vita "Day" McCallister is a mother, ordained minister, entrepreneur, philanthropist, writer and advocate for youth and young adults. She currently serves as the Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adults in the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. She leads the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team within the Conference. The mission of the YYA Ministry Team is to grow a Faith Forming, Multi/Racial Multi/Cultural, Open and Affirming, Accessible to All, Just Peace, Globally Minded Movement of youth and young adults.



Day has shared her love, passion and wisdom in youth and young adult ministries, for over 25 years, in a number of settings including, the Fund for Theological Education, the National Setting of the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. Rev. McCallister's current projects include growing "Thinking About Working for God," a judicatory initiative that is creating an environment where youth and young adults can freely explore a call to authorized ministry, completing work on a new resource for youth leaders called: Growing Sustainable Youth Ministries; and funding the first named scholarship from her foundation. She takes great pride in her Christian heritage as the great-grand daughter of the late Rev. Jesse B. Baldwin, a Baptist minister and pastor of over 65 years in rural Florida.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today is a Service Sunday – One Room Schoolhouse style. We will meet in the Auditorium where the children will prepare a mural of *Jesus' Road to Jerusalem*. They will also do a small outreach project to share with children in need. We resume regular Church School classes next Sunday.

Second Hour Presentation Today

Join us **today** at 11:20 am to 12:30 pm in the Lounge for **Beyond Sympathy: Helping Family and Friends through Tough Times**. Roni Lang (pictured here), Licensed Clinical Social Worker from Greenwich Hospital's Center for Healthy Aging, will lead a discussion on how best to help when a friend suffers from illness or grief, and will provide concrete suggestions on how to support and assist someone – during such difficult times. She will also highlight the services offered at Greenwich Hospital's Center for Healthy Aging, as well as the various support groups provided by the hospital staff.



Bible Study

There is **no** Bible Study today so that you may all go to the valuable Second Hour Presentation mentioned above. Bible Study will return

next *Sunday, March 30* at 11:20 am in the Lounge. Led by Dan England.

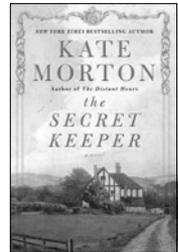
Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals today are: Cherub Choir from 11:15 am to 12 Noon in Room 104, Children's Choir from 11:15 am to 12 Noon in Room 303 (Craig's office) and Youth Choir from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm in the Choir Room.

THIS WEEK

Hats Off Book Discussion Group

Our *Hats Off* book group is about to start their first spring read on *Thursday, March 27*. The book selected is *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton. "*The Secret Keeper* explores longings and dreams, the lengths people go to fulfill them, and the consequences they can have. It is a story of lovers, friends, dreamers, and schemers told—in Morton's signature style—against a backdrop of events that changed the world." Come join us on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the Lounge. Books will be available in the Church Office. Please call Debbie Berner (203-629-1110) with any questions.



Another Opportunity for CPR Training This *Saturday, March 29, 9:00-11:45 am*

It's a great time for those of us certified through classes here at FCCOG to re-certify for CPR. Those interested in becoming newly certified are also welcome to this training, which includes the use of our automatic external defibrillator (AED).



Thanks to the generosity of the Greenwich EMS, and to the church covering the reduced fees, we can offer these classes at no cost to the participants. Please consider being a blessing to others. Contact your Parish Nurse at extension 21 to register for this class.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Chili Cookers Needed! Two Opportunities in April!

Thank you to Rosemary Lamie and the 4th and 5th graders for cooking chili in March. We are still in need of volunteers to cook chili for **April 7**. Please sign up your volunteer team today by emailing Tom Mahoney at fccoghungermission@gmail.com. The prep work and cooking can be scheduled for the Friday, Saturday or Sunday before this date. Get your group together today!

Also, are you up for a Chili Challenge? We're looking for a group of chili cookers to represent First Church at the **1st Annual Charity Chili Challenge** sponsored by the North Stamford Exchange Club and being held on Sunday, April 27, 1:00-4:00 pm at Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford. The event benefits the Exchange Club Parenting Skills Center, which works tirelessly to help prevent and stop child abuse in Fairfield County while strengthening families. If you're interested in entering or would like more information, contact Barbara Wilkov at barbaraw@fccog.org or 203-637-1791 x24.



New Member Orientation Opportunities

Would you like to explore becoming a member of First Church? You will have two opportunities in April to participate in a First Church orientation session. Join us on *Sunday, April 6* at 11:15 am in the Senior Pastor's Office or *Sunday, April 13* at 9:15 am in the Lounge (child care will be provided at both sessions). Then if you choose, you can join on Sunday, April 13.

You may RSVP to Ginny Breismeister (ginnyb@fccog.org) or John Collins (jcollins@fccog.org) or call the Church Office at 203-637-1791 if you would like to attend one of these two sessions, or just drop in. *You will be entering a fellowship of people who will support you, pray for you and care for you. We hope you will join us.*



News from The Rummage Room
191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich
203-637-1865

Monday, March 24: Manager Maria will have several selections of Spring items 50% off through Saturday. The Rummage Room is

filled with the wonder of Spring, including clothing, accessories and decorations for Easter.

Tuesday, April 1: *April Fool's Day.* Every year *The Rummage Room* celebrates *April Fool's Day* with live 'mannequins' sitting in the windows from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm to amaze, amuse and surprise you. In addition, this year, the shop will have two guest celebrities making their debut in the windows from 2:00 to 2:30 pm. The REVEREND JOHN 'Cool' COLLINS and The REVEREND 'Elvis' MARK MONTGOMERY will be strumming their guitars for the live crowds who gather. Come early and come often as the 'mannequins' in the windows will change repeatedly throughout the day.

Manager Maria's Wish List: It takes a Village like Old Greenwich to keep *The Rummage Room* well-stocked. Please bring in your donations of Spring clothing and Easter items. The shop continually needs women's clothing; men's suits, sport coats and trousers; children's clothing; shoes; handbags; jewelry; strollers; and bikes.

Requests from Customers: An enameled Le Creuset Dutch oven; a pressure cooker; a cast iron frying pan; vintage sweaters (especially cashmere); boys' blazers, size 14 and 16.

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

Donation Hours: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and on Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Thought for the day after a cold and snowy Winter: *I believe God is in me as the sun is in the color and fragrance of a flower - the light in my darkness, the voice in my silence.* -Helen Keller

Tai Chi Fitness with Luis Duarte

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, \$8 for seniors. Join us! You'll love it! **All are welcome.**



Food Collection

A Food Collection barrel/bin remains in the back of the Meeting-house each week. Please just pick up an extra few items when you go to the grocery and donate them for those in need.

Next Week at First Congregational Church

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse
March 30, 2014**

Music by:

The Chancel Choir

***Heavenly Light* by Alexander Kopylov**

The Children's Choir

***The Lord is my Shepherd* by David Allen**

Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching

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