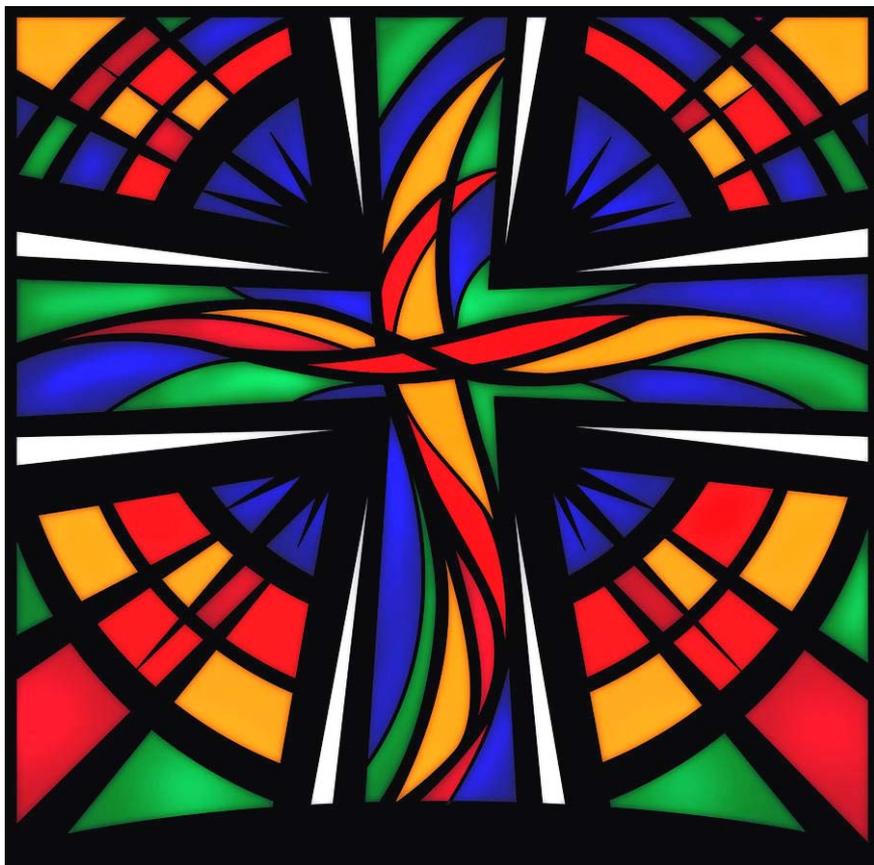


Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013

11 o'clock in the morning



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The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

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.



Easter Sunday

31 March 2013

11 o'clock in the morning

We joyously welcome you to First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We are glad you're here on this Easter Morning. For about 2000 years, people of every background, circumstance and mood have made their way to a tomb, to a church, to a community of faith to discover one thing: he is risen. And with that rising, hope has risen too. Dead places of our life are risen, and new life is found. So welcome.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Grand Choeur Dialogue

Brass Ensemble

Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

Jayson Engquist, organ

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Easter morning, we praise God who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

People: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Leader: On this Easter morning we praise God who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

People: Praise God, who takes us by the hand that we may rise with him.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

*‡ HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Arr. Roland E. Martin

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, who has in Jesus, given us cause to hope for this life and the next, we have gathered to give you thanks for the gift of the resurrection. As Jesus was raised from the dead, so are we. From the tomb of our despair, from the grave of our regret, from the shame of all our sin, we are able to see grace dawning. So give strength for this new journey, this going, not merely from here to there, but from the boredom of no meaning at all, to the vigor of new life. We give you thanks, in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

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.

***GLORIA**

New Century (black) Hymnal 754
Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

I'm Happy All the Time

The Cherub Choir
Traditional Song
Donald Haviland, director
Debbie Berner, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jean Watkins

Mark 9:14-27

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running

together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. From *NRSV*

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

Christ, Our Passover

The Chancel Choir

Will MacFarlane

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.
Not with old leav'n, neither with the leaven of malice and
wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:
death hath no more dominion over Him.
For in that He died, He died unto sin once:
but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.*

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:
and become the first fruits of them that slept.*

*For since by man, for since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

Peter Russell

I Corinthians 15:12-19

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is

no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

From NRSV

*‡SCRIPTURE HYMN

He Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Said the angel, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst His three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.*

*Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; all our woes are over now,
Due to passion that He bore—Sin and pain can vex no more.*

*Come, with high and holy hymning,
chant our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking over the purple east: brighter far our Easter feast.*

*He is risen, He is risen! He has opened Heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.*

SERMON

Not None

Rev. Daniel B. England

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

CALL TO OFFERING AND LENTEN OFFERING APPEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

The Chancel Choir
Charles Villiers Stanford

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.*

*For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head;
and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned
dead.*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.*

*Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.
While we, his soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore,
within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.*

*DOXOLOGY To the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATION AND CHOIR RESPONSE**

Choir, Brass, Congregation
Hallelujah (from Messiah) George Friderich Handel (1685-1759)

POSTLUDE

Toccata (from Symphony 5) Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Brass Ensemble

Trumpets: Anthony Gorruso, Jim Cifelli
French Horn: Eric Peterson
Trombones: Steve Shulman, Cliff Haynes
Timpani: Eric Phinney

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.

Easter Flowers and Brass

The decorations in the Meetinghouse this morning
and the brass during these festival services are given in joyful and loving
memory (M) of, and in honor (H) of:

- Joan and Jim Kreuter by their children and grandchildren (M)
Charlie and Bill Robertson by Eric and Betsy Kreuter (M)
George Finch by Jane Finch (M)
Melita and John Magness, and Dana Andersen by their family (M)
Our parents, Harold and Ruth Hopkins, and Raymond and Mildred
Hamilton by Rich and Bobbie Hopkins and family (M)
My parents, Louise and Harrison Reed by Gifford Reed and family (M)
Efraim and Victoria Olson, Ryan and Margaret Rosendale and Erna Nelson
by Ken and Erna Olson (M)
Charles Joseph Veith IV by his sister, Linda Veith Glover (M)
Our Kim Reynolds and Arlinda Willkie by Harlan and Wendy Reynolds
(M)
John Provoost by Jack, Judy, Michael, Jennifer and David Provoost (M)
Our parents, sisters and cousins by Robert and Harriet Starr (M)
My family members who have passed away by Bobby Littlefield (M)
Marge and Arthur L. Billings, and Nina and Howie Flierl by Shirley
Billings Flierl and Peter S. Flierl (M)
Our beloved brother and brother-in-law, Donald L. Penwell by William F.
and MJ Penwell (M)
Family and friends, and in celebration of Erica and Bryan, by Diane and
Paul Kretschmann (M/H)
Finn, June and Gunther Breismeister by Ginny and Don Breismeister (H)
Dr. Clinton Olsen by Eleanore Olsen (M)
Our parents, Harold and Mary Mendelsohn and William and Norah
Fielding by Pat and Bob Mendelsohn (M)
Our parents and sister, Judy, by Sandra and John McCue and family (M)
Craig Symons by Mariann and Anders Ekernas (H)
All those family members who brought such love and laughter into our lives
by The Hoffman and Kneen families (M)
My sisters-in-law, Maggie, Nedra and Patricia Tubbs and Sandy Tubbs
Wilson by Jean Watkins (M)
Alvin Wachsman and his grandson, Jason Arnold, by the Wachsman and
Arnold families (M)
Catherine G. Weigner by her husband, Arthur C. Weigner and son,
Stephen A. Weigner (M)
Sue, Anne and Bill Denne by their family (M)
Beth Baldwin by Anne Baldwin Castine (M)

Barbara G. Crilley by Millie George (M)
Carolyn Paulus and the Youth Choir (H)
Marian J. and Frederick B. Hout by Sue Hout Baker, Sara, Charlie and Liz
(M)
My family by Thelma J. Colegrove (M)
Daniel and Lorraine Radosh, Norma Mathis and Don Kuhns by Sandra
Radosh (M)
John and Audrey Flasch and Herschel and Mae McCalley by their family,
Sue and Stu, our daughters and grandchildren (M)
Mildred and Albert Isaacson, and Mary and C.A. Suitts by G. Isaacson (M)
Roger A. Lepoutre by Catherine R. Lepoutre and family (M)
Daniel Lepoutre on his birthday, 3/31 Easter Sunday, by Catherine R.
Lepoutre and family (H)
Judy Carey and Jim Callaway by Bob Carey and Libby Callaway (M)
My parents, Carolyn and Allan Colegrove and my grandparents by Rev.
Sally Colegrove (M)
My husband, Robert Liddel and my parents, Mabelle and L'Huillier Sheaff
by Virginia Liddel (M)
Bob Lindegren by his loving wife and family (M)
Our parents by Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, Jr. (M)
William J. Provoost, Jr., by his wife Suzanne, daughter Patti and son Jack
(M)
My parents, Dorothy and John Green, in-laws Willa and Bill Provoost, Sr.,
and grandson, John Provoost by Suzanne Provoost (M)
Donation by The Kuppenheimer Family

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Happy Easter! There is no Church School today but it will resume next Sunday, April 7. Child care is available today.

Choir Rehearsals

There are no choir rehearsals today.



There is no *linc* service today but *linc* will return at 5:00 pm next Sunday, April 7.

THIS WEEK

New Mid-Week Bible Study with Rev. Dan England

Continues *Thursday, April 4* and *Thursday, April 18*

Don't forget the new Mid-Week Bible Study for beginners which will continue on *Thursday, April 4* and *Thursday, April 18* at 10:15 am in Room 104. It is a basic Bible Study for those who come with questions that they didn't dare ask before because they didn't quite know where to start. It will be gentle, and geared to people who would like to know more about the Bible than they do now. One hour, led by Dan England. No further commitment.



NEXT WEEK

Gun Violence Prevention Meeting – Thurs, April 11

If you would like to be a part of a grassroots conversation regarding gun violence, gun control and how our congregation may respond, please join us on *Thursday, April 11* at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. We hope to have a diversity of voices and ideas and look forward to where the spirit may lead our conversation and our action. If you plan to attend, please contact the Church Office to let us know.

Invitation to Mothers of Very Young Children

Starting *Friday, April 12*, First Congregational Church will offer a Mothers Group every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Bring your baby, toddler and/or 2 year old for an opportunity to meet and relax with other moms and their young kids. The group will meet at 9:00 am in Room 104. For more information, email Kristen Jacks at kmj33z@yahoo.com or call her at 203-344-1961.

Sunday Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study will recommence on *April 14, 2013* at 11:20 am in the Lounge. The subject, at least initially, will be the "nones" - those people who when asked about their religious affiliation check "none" on the survey. Why do they say that? What are the forces creating a distance between them and God, the church and a sense of soul? Or are they finding a different way? This will be no sociologi-

cal study but a true Bible Study that will perhaps give us some insight into how our church can better minister to this community and also confront the "none"-ness in each of us. Led by Dan England.

NEWS AND NOTICES

New Members Wanted: Come Learn About First Church!

Our next new member class will be held on *Sunday, April 21, 2013* at 11:15 am in the Senior Pastor's Office. It will last approximately 2 hours and will include lunch. During the class, prospective new members will have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and to learn more about our church and meet the clergy as well as staff. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. New members will be received on Sunday, April 28. Child care will be provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us. If you are planning to attend or you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at ginnyb@fccog.org or 203-637-1791 ext. 26.

Silver Lake Summer Programs

Silver Lake Summer Programs are filling up! Information about this wonderful camp experience in Sharon, CT, sponsored by the CT UCC churches, is on the bulletin board outside the Lounge. The programs are for children going into the 4th grade right through high school. For more info, talk to Mark Montgomery or Rosemary Lamie or any of the 12 or so children from our church who have gone and keep going back!



News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday - *HE IS RISEN ... CHRIST IS RISEN!*

Monday, April 1: Happy first day of April. The Rummage Room will celebrate April Fool's Day with live mannequins in the windows throughout the day. Motorists and pedestrians looking at the windows are always surprised when a mannequin comes alive and gives them a smile and a wave ... and the response is always a smile

and a wave back from these people that have had their day brightened.

Monday April 1: 50% off sale on Manager's selection of 4 or 5 categories of items through Saturday, April 6.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Mother's Day clothing and hats; single and double strollers; bikes for all ages; dresses for brides and mothers-of-the-bride; children's and baby clothing; sunglasses; small

furniture. **Note:** Due to the stubborn cold, wet weather, there is still demand for Spring wear so check your closets and donate ... please!!!!

Shopping 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 Thursday, and on Friday and Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

REJOICE! "*There will never be another act of love so pure or triumph so celebrated as the humility of the cross and the miracle of the empty tomb.*" ~ Bonnie Jensen



First Music and Arts 2012-2013 Series Continues

Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28

First Music and Arts will add visual arts to their community offerings when they partner with *The Art Society of Old Greenwich* who will have artwork on display in the Auditorium and a few pieces in the back of the Meetinghouse. One hour before and after each performance throughout the weekend, you will have a chance to view artwork from the membership of the Art Society. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this wonderful opportunity to experience the talents of our local artists.

Friday, April 26, 8:00 pm – Organ Recital

Our wonderful Austin pipe organ will be heard in an organ recital by many Greenwich organists, including Jamie Hitel, Craig Scott Symons, Jon Hunt, Frederick Tripodi, Alistair Reid, and Sean Jackson. Suggested donation is \$20 per person.

Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm – Requiem by Johannes Brahms

The First Church Festival Chorus will be using Brahms' own 4-hand piano version, with Jayson Engquist and Jon Hunt at the keyboard. Our soloists will be soprano Hanna Golodinskii and bass Samuel Hepler, all under the direction of Craig Scott Symons. Suggested donation is \$20 a person.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, May 19, 7:00 pm – Jubilate Ringers

The Meetinghouse will be filled with the sounds of bells as we welcome the Jubilate Ringers from Wilton. This group is conducted by Ellen Dickinson, Director of Music at Norfield Church in Weston. Jubilate Ringers is comprised of ringers from the Norfield Church and the Unitarian Church in Westport as well as the surrounding community.

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