

# *Easter Sunday*

*March 31, 2013*

*9 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.*



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**W**e joyously welcome you to First Congregational Church and our Festival Service of Worship this Easter Sunday Morning! We thank you for joining us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and we hope that the inspiring message of Easter comes alive to you as we worship together. If you are visiting with us, we are glad you're here and hope you'll make yourself known to one of the pastors during Coffee Hour immediately following the service in the Auditorium (through the back of the Meetinghouse and up the short flight of stairs). Welcome!

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## **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. Mark D. Montgomery*

## **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 (b. 1955)

*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**

Eternal God, with great celebration our hearts rise to greet this glorious morning! We have come through the dark night of doubt to find hope, unexpected joy, and a new courage for living. Fill us with Your Spirit on this Easter Day. Give us a new sense of your constant presence, that we might face our daily living without fear. Let us be transformed by this miracle of new life into new persons who are filled with your love. We pray in the name of the Risen Lord, 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.

**\*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**

*Crown Him Now With Alleluias*

*The Youth Choir*

James Brighton

Carolyn Paulus, director

Anthony Gerruso, trumpet

Vance Briceland, piano

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Rejoice!*

*Crown him now with alleluias, sing praise to the risen Lord.*

*Crown him now with alleluias. Christ will reign for evermore.*

*On the cross they mocked him, and laughed at him with scorn.*

*Filled with angry words of hate, they crowned his head with thorns.*

*But now we see his glory, our hope has been restored.*

*Let us crown him now with alleluias, for he is Christ, the risen Lord.*

*Crown him now with alleluias, sing praise to the risen Lord.*

*Crown him now with alleluias. Christ will reign for evermore.*

*Crown him King of Kings, Crown him Lord of Lords with endless alleluias.*

*Worship Christ the risen Lord.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Rev. John W. Collins*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Olivia Hartwell*

**Mark 16:1-8**

**W**hen the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm

him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, “Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?”

Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.

He said, “Don’t be afraid. I know you’re looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He’s been raised up; he’s here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You’ll see him there, exactly as he said.”

They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

From *The Message*

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

*The Chancel Choir*

*Christ, Our Passover*

Will MacFarlane (1870-1945)

*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

*Olga Hartwell*

### Acts 9:1-6

All this time Saul was breathing down the necks of the Master's disciples, out for the kill. He went to the Chief Priest and got arrest warrants to take to the meeting places in Damascus so that if he found anyone there belonging to the Way, whether men or women, he could arrest them and bring them to Jerusalem.

He set off. When he got to the outskirts of Damascus, he was suddenly dazed by a blinding flash of light. As he fell to the ground, he heard a voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you out to get me?"

He said, "Who are you, Master?"

"I am Jesus, the One you're hunting down. I want you to get up and enter the city. In the city you'll be told what to do next."

*From The Message*

### \*‡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

*Resurrecting What or Whom?*

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

### RESPONDING TO GOD

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### CALL TO OFFERING AND LENTEN OFFERING APPEAL

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Chancel Choir*

*Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*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)*

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## *Brass Ensemble*

*Trumpets: Anthony Gorruso, Jim Cifelli*

*French Horn: Eric Peterson*

*Trombones: Steve Shulman, Cliff Haynes*

*Timpani: Eric Phinney*

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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](http://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.

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## **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 Wachsmann and his grandson, Jason Arnold, by the Wachsmann 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*

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### 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 next Sunday.

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### 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.



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### 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](mailto: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 sociological 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.

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## **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](mailto: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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