

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Pentecost Sunday

27 May 2012

10 o'clock



WELCOME to this Service of Worship at The First
Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Pentecost
Sunday. We are glad that you are here and hope that this time of
worship, music, reflection and community is restorative for you.
May the blessing of this community and the blessings of God's love
greet you today.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Piece Pour Grande Orgue

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

Joseph Jongen

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

PRAISING GOD

***‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

Come Down, O Love Divine

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 239

OPENING PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, come

Come Holy Spirit, come

Illuminate our hearts

O come, Holy Spirit, come.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In Unison*)

Our greatest peace has been found when the Holy Spirit has
consumed us. Forgive us for the times when we ignore the spirit
that connects us.

Our greatest love has been recognized when we've understood God's love for us. Forgive us for the time when we refuse to share this love with others.

Great joy has been celebrated in the birth and resurrection of Jesus. Forgive us for the times we deny the Christ among us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

Come, Holy Ghost

The Chancel Choir

Thomas Attwood

Lynette Pfund, soprano

SECOND LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

“**W**hen the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

*‡HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 242

SERMON “*The Spiritual Touchdown*” *Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

CALL TO PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Daniel B. England

PASTORAL PRAYER AND QUIET MEDITATION

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise the Spirit in Creation

The Chancel Choir

Richard Wayne Dirksen

*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

*CLOSING HYMN AND RECESSION

Send Down Thy Truth, O God

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 237

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

Flor Peeters



Music Notes:

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838) was born in London, England. Throughout his career, he held several important positions in England; that of Organist and Composer at Chapel Royal and Organist/Master of the Choristers at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He also taught at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

American organist and composer, Richard Wayne Dirksen, lived from 1921-2003 and spent nearly his entire career associated, in some fashion, with National Cathedral in Washington, DC, where he served from 1977-1988 as Choirmaster and Organist. The anthem was commissioned by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the opening service of the National Convention in 1992. Originally composed with brass and organ, the version heard this morning does not lack energy and vitality without brass.

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 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

There is no Church School today because it is Memorial Day weekend. There is only one more regular Church School Sunday on June 3. Then June 10 is Church School Recognition Sunday when we thank our teachers, congratulate our graduating seniors and give Bibles to our third graders. Summer Church School begins on June 17. We need many more teachers for next year. Sign-up is at Coffee Hour.

Youth and Cherub Choir Rehearsals

There is no Youth or Cherub Choir rehearsal today.

Bible Study

This week in our Corinthian adventure we'll try to make modern sense out of Paul's advice on food offered to idols. We will also have



to tackle a couple of other decidedly non-modern notions Paul puts forward such as veils for women.

There was a reason for this advice in Corinth as we shall see, but it presents a real problem to literalists who want Christians to live 1st century lives. In fact, the passages we will consider this morning will open the way to a new freedom, tempered always by consideration of others. It should be interesting so join us as we make the run up to I Corinthians 13 in its context.



Sue Asselin, RN is available in Room 203 after the Worship Service. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.

Friendship Quilt for Michelle and David Young

Today is your *last chance* to sign a square at Coffee Hour for the Friendship Quilt for Michelle and David Young. We need a finite number before we can plan the quilt and start with the actual piecing together next month.



There is no 5:00 pm linc service today because of Memorial Day weekend. Please join us next week.



There is no Y! Program today, but mark your calendars for the JPF Lock-In on Friday, June 1, from 8:00 pm until 8:00 am Saturday, June 2. Permission slips are needed to participate.

NEXT WEEK

Summer Choir begins June 3

Please join us next *Sunday morning, June 3*, at 9:00 am in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal for the music being done that Sunday. Anyone is welcome to come before the start of the service to learn a simple anthem. Come any Sundays that you are available and help lead the congregation in worship. In addition to the Sunday mornings, a new option is available on the first Sunday of June, July, and August. On those Sundays, anyone who would like an extra rehearsal of the anthems for that month is welcome to meet in the Choir Room (note room change from the May Meetinghouse Monthly) at around 11:15 am to get a jump-start on the upcoming anthems. No reservation is necessary!



NEWS AND NOTICES

News from The Rummage Room

Monday, May 28: The Rummage Room will be closed for *Memorial Day*. Let us remember our Veterans over the weekend, and every day, for their service to our country so that we may remain the Land of the Free and The Home of the Brave.

Tuesday, May 29: The Rummage Room will reopen from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm through Friday, and on Saturday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please do not leave donations when The Rummage Room is closed.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Father's Day is *June 17* and your donations of gifts and clothing are needed. The Shop continually needs summer clothing, handbags, shoes, good bric-a-brac, and jewelry as the racks and shelves empty quickly.

If you are a visitor at First Congregational Church today, please plan to stop by and see The Rummage Room in action in the next week or so. It is located at 191 Sound Beach Avenue in Old Greenwich. You may be inspired to donate, shop or volunteer, any of which would enhance the yearly proceeds that go to help a long list of organizations who need our support both here in the community and around the world.

May we always remember the three R's:

Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all mankind.

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 exercises. 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! You’ll love it! **All are welcome.**

Food Collection

A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse, so please contribute food each week. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery store visit will make a significant difference at Neighbor to Neighbor. Items currently in need are:

Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta Sauce, Dried Beans, 100% Juice, Canned Tomatoes, Peanut Butter (no larger than 28 oz., please) and Jelly. If you've forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email fccoghungermission@gmail.com with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home and deliver to the Church for Neighbor to Neighbor.



Next Week at First Congregational Church
We Welcome Our Interim Pastor, John Collins!

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Heritage Sunday

The Youth Choir:

For All That Is with Will Speer, violin

The Chancel Choir:

Greater Love Hath No Man by John Ireland

Rev. John Collins, Interim Senior Pastor, preaching

Following the worship service, a reception to welcome

John will be held in the Memory Garden

5:00 pm linc worship service – Auditorium

Next week we will take a look at Jonah. What a character!

Check out his story in the Bible. He has his own book.

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