

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015

Heritage Sunday

31 May 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



*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 hope this time together brings you peace, hope, challenge and joy. Together, let us live into the promise that God is with us.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

**All who are able please stand.*

PRELUDE

Aria

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Lynn O'Gorman

CALL TO THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION *Elaine Teeters, Senior Deacon*

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in our God always!

People: Again we say rejoice!

Leader: For God has gathered us together

People: From all the corners of the earth

Leader: To be present now

People: And to know the joyful unity

Leader: Of being one with Christ.

People: Rejoice in our God always!

Leader: Again I say rejoice!

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy (*CC)*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 251

OPENING PRAYER

O God of joy and comfort we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day. Our spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many things we have received from your hand, the flame of joy is most precious. We have also come to this hour of prayer bearing in our hearts the sorrows of our world. Comfort us with your presence that we may be strengthened to continue to proclaim your goodness and deliverance in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. This we pray as Jesus taught us saying,

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. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

(After the Children's Message, as we begin singing Go, My Children, the children and teachers will go to their Rotation Workshops: Kindergarten and 1st Grade go to Red Door in the Preschool; 2nd Grade go to Green Door in the Preschool; 3rd Grade go to Room 104, 4th and 5th Grades go to the Daniels Center – all on the lower level of the building. Your child can just go with the "crowd" and we will be sure they find their room.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go, My Children (to the tune All Through the Night)

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Helen Ingraham

Psalm 27:1-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

SECOND LESSON

Virginia Richards

John 15:1-11

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. From *New Revised Standard Version*

***HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation (*CC) Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 260

SERMON

Choose Joy! *Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Improvisation

***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**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (*CC) Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 8

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major

David Lasky (b. 1957)

*CC = Congregation Choice

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Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) following the worship service.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed. On Church School Sundays we also have a class for 3 and 4-year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

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.

Call to a Special Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for ***Sunday, June 14, 2015*** following the 10:00 am Worship Service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse:

- To hear and act upon the recommendation to sell 81 Riverside Avenue.

Kathy McLennan
Church Clerk

Heritage Sunday

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more*

1936

Carolyn Wright Ashwell

1937

Betty Sleath

1942

Barbara Firth Kneen

1943

Joyce Grossberndt Ferris

1944

Jane Curtis Stratton Watts

1948

Nancy R. Hoffman

1949

Donald Freeman
Ruth Gisborne Reed

1950

Erling Andersen
Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels
Dorothy Dalenz Perna Robertson

1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman
Gifford Reed

1952

Dorothy Pidgursky
Barbara Van Buren
William C. Henry
E. William Fossum

1953

John Denne
Claire Gisborne Henry
Diane Magness Andersen
Benito Menegon

1954

Caralliene Westbrook

1955

Helen Hagner
Larry Haviland

1956

Lawrence Dickie
Virginia Liddel
Betsy Pearson

1957

Tina Birkic
Emily Jostrand
Donna Magness
Gargagliano
Marcia Livingston

1958

Barbara Hopkins
Jane Ann Henry Ives
Stanley Rand III
Barbara Elizabeth Van Buren
Richmond

1959

Carol Dinmore
Pat Geismar
Henry Hull III
Janet Klingner
Roland Klingner
Carol Mawhinney
Darleyne Sandreuter
James Starkweather
Mary Starkweather

1960

Marian Cordner
William Cordner
Dorothy Fisk
Arthur Weigner
Ronald Weigner

1961

Patricia Schmitt
Martha (Marti) Stisser
C. Webb Williams

1962

H. Kent Atkins
Bernice Whittemore

1963

Lynn O’Gorman

1964

Inge Thalheim

1965

Robyn Helmer
Jonathan Henry
Richard Lewis
Richard Mawhinney
John Norrgard
Barbara Norrgard
William Savage
Irene Savage
Peter Schieferdecker
Nettie Schieferdecker
Mary Ann Chidsey

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today our children will prepare their parts and displays for next Sunday's worship. The "678" class will be visiting a mosque in Stamford. Next week our congregation will celebrate Children's Sunday. All children and families will participate in worship regardless of whether they have been able to be at Church School this year. Don't miss it!

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screenings will be done outside this week in the Memory Garden during Fellowship Hour, hosted by the Wellness Committee. Look for some delectable fresh food treats.

NEXT WEEK

Bible Study Returns Next Week

Bible Study will resume next *Sunday, June 7* at 11:20 am in the Lounge and will continue each Sunday for 4 weeks through June 28. Rev. Avery Manchester will lead. We will be using Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* as well as Chris Hedges' *Losing Moses on the Freeway: The 10 Commandments in America*. Books are available for purchase for \$14 in the Church Office.

Caregivers Support Group at FCCOG

Join us next *Sunday, June 7* from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm in Room 103 for the first meeting of our new Caregivers Support Group. The group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend, and will offer a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group will meet on **the 1st Sunday of each month**. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, will be the group facilitator. For more info, please call Dorothy at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

Summer Choir Has Begun

Please join us on Sunday mornings through the summer, starting at **9:00 am in the Meetinghouse** for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being done that Sunday. Come any Sundays that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship! It's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft.

Summer Church Office Hours

Summer hours for the Church Office will begin tomorrow, *Monday, June 1*. The front desk will be staffed from 9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday through Friday during the summer.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Beach Services Return on *Sunday, June 14*

Beach Services begin on *Sunday, June 14* at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday. Come and join us for this casual service. Summer Church School will also take place at this time down at the beach, so bring the whole family!

See Our Very Own Carolyn Paulus on Stage!

Carolyn Paulus is starring in Curtain Call's upcoming production of *Follies*. The show runs from June 5-27. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.curtaincallinc.com.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, June 1: View the 50% off sales for this week on the website at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Father's Day is June 21 and your donations of men's clothing and accessories are needed. The Shop continually needs summer clothing; **handbags**; good bric-a-brac and **jewelry**. As you clean out your closets, please keep in mind winter, spring, summer and fall clothing for Reopening Day at the end of August. Other donations needed include: bikes for all ages; tennis racquets; small furniture; wedding dresses and tuxes.

If you are new to First Church or the Community, please consider shopping, donating, and volunteering at The Rummage Room a half day once a week ... even if you can volunteer only for the summer.

All Rummage Room proceeds go to help a long list of women and children organizations who need our support in the community and around the world. Call Maria Drieghe at 203-637-1875.

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

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

Thought for the Week: *Music is what feelings sound like!*

Tai Chi Classes

TRY IT OUT! 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. Drop-ins are welcome.

Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

Please don't forget those in need. **Items especially needed are canned meats, such as Spam, chili, etc.** Tuna is **not** needed at this time.

Also, cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels.

Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

June 7, 2015

Children's Sunday

Music by:

The Summer Choir

Awake, My Heart by Jane Marshall

The Children's Choir

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People by Marty Haugen

The Cherub Choir

This Little Light of Mine

Rev. Mark Montgomery, preaching

Rick Tripodi, guest organist

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