

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

**Sunday Worship**  
**26 October 2014**  
10 o'clock in the morning



*Abundance – My Cup Runneth Over*

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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.*



**W**elcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich!  
Thanks for joining us this morning. We are a congregation of  
open minds and open arms where everyone is welcome. We're glad  
you're here!

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ*

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

### **PRAISING GOD**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The Cherub Choir*

*I've Got the Joy*

*Traditional*

*Donald Haviland, director*

*Debbie Berner, piano*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Jennie Olmsted*

*Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*People: He maketh me to live down in green pastures; he leadeth me  
beside the still waters.*

*Leader: He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.*

*People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Leader: Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;*

*People: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**\* HYMN**

*Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 19

**UNISON PRAYER**

Great and loving God, we come before you tempted of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem. Let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable, nor so familiar as to be conventional. Prepare us for the unexpected. Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit in praise of our Savior, in whose words we now 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.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Pat Larrabee*

**Exodus 16**  
(selected verses)

**T**he whole congregation the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’” The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over until morning.” But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

## ANTHEM

*For Love Shall Be Our Song*

*The Children's Choir*  
Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)  
Craig Scott Symons, director  
Vance Briceland, piano

*God is love, God is peace, God is joy and gladness.*

*May we then live our lives in love, in peace,*

*in joy with Christ our Lord.*

*For love shall be our song, as we lift our hearts to the Lord;*

*so as members of the family of God, rejoice, give thanks and praise.*

*And when others do us wrong, patience we will show,*

*to forgive as Christ did us; seeds of love we'll sow.*

*From Colossians 3:12-15*

*(After the Anthem, the children and teachers will leave for their classrooms. Children in second grade and older will leave independently. Children in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers at the back of the Meetinghouse (narthex) and will go to their classrooms as a group.)*

## SECOND LESSON

### Mark 6:30–44

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.”

When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

#### \*HYMN

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

New Century (black) Hymnal 51

SERMON

*Living from Abundance*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

*The Chancel Choir*

*The One Hundred Twenty-First Psalm*

Howard Hanson (1896-1981)

*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano*

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:*

*he that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

\*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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 93

\*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in C Minor*

Edmondstone Duncan (1886-1920)

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Auditorium following the worship service.*

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Lillian and Edmund Hoffman by their families.

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](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.

### *Calendar*

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#### TODAY

#### Church School

**Today** most classes will be hearing the story of Elisha; 3rd graders will hear about Joseph the son of Jacob and our "678" class will wrap up their introduction to Judaism. After Church the 4th and 5th graders will go to Pilgrim Towers for a Halloween Party with the residents. Hopefully, we will see most of our families at Saturday's Barn Dance, 5:00-8:00 pm at the Riverside School!

#### Wellness Second Hour – Understanding Medicare

Join us **TODAY** at 11:20 am in the Lounge for *Understanding Medicare Benefits* with speaker Linda Ziac, a Certified Case Manager and President of The Caregiver Resource Center in Cos Cob. The

detailed rules of Medicare coverage and copays can sometimes be overwhelming. Learn about such topics as hospital coverage, observation status, discharge planning, home care benefits and appealing coverage decisions. This information is invaluable for people facing care decisions or those helping a parent or loved one navigate the health care system.

### Choir Rehearsals

There is no Cherub or Children's Choir rehearsals today. Youth Choir (grades 7-12), directed by Carolyn Paulus, will meet from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm in the Choir Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor).

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### NEXT WEEK

**Note:** Next Sunday there will be Child Care during the *New Member Class and Bible Study*. Chicken nuggets and macaroni & cheese will be served.

### **New Member Orientation Session**

Interested in exploring membership at First Church or know someone who might be? We have the perfect opportunity! We will be holding a **New Member Orientation** session next *Sunday, November 2*, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Senior Pastor's Office. Child care will be available and food will be served. This is an opportunity to learn more about our faith, our church and our denomination, the United Church of Christ. While attending the session is not an obligation to join, if you wish to do so, new members will be received into membership the following Sunday, November 9, during the 10 am worship service. Please RSVP to Ginny Breismeister, Director of Membership at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) or to Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr., at [richardD@fccog.org](mailto:richardD@fccog.org) or just call the church office at 203-637-1791. While reservations are not required, we would appreciate being able to plan for child care. Drop ins, however, are welcome! You will be entering a fellowship of people who will support you, care for you and pray for you. We hope you will join us.

## Bible Study is Back!!

Join us at 11:30 am in the Lounge each Sunday starting next *Sunday, November 2* and continuing through *Sunday, December 7* when Rev. Avery Manchester will lead our NEW Bible Study! Come and be a part of it.

## First Music & Arts Presents Organ PLUS!



The 2014-2015 *First Music & Arts* season opens next *Sunday, November 2* at 4:00 pm with *Organ PLUS!*, a program of music for organ and other instruments. Steven Russell and Craig Scott Symons, with special guest oboist Dorothy Darlington, will perform music for solo organ, organ 4-hands, piano 4-hands, voice, English horn, and oboe in works by J. S. Bach, C. P. E. Bach, Mendelssohn, Held, Hebble, and many others. Suggested donation is \$15 for the program. Click here for more info.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Please Help Us Find Guest Speakers for Our 350th Anniversary!

The 350th Anniversary Committee is searching for several guest speakers to bring to First Church during 2015 to help our congregation celebrate our Church's past and set a course for its future. Historical insight and perspectives will be an important part of this speaker series, but we want to focus even more on the Church's role in our lives today and in the future. The Committee would greatly appreciate any suggestions from members of the congregation for speakers to bring to First Church. Please send your suggestions **as soon as possible** to Chris Hartwell at: [clhartwell@mac.com](mailto:clhartwell@mac.com).

## First Church Volunteer Day

We will be having a **FCCOG Volunteer Day at Neighbor to Neighbor** on *November 22*. We need 10 to 12 people to work in the Food Pantry and the Clothing Room. We will also have children making table decorations for their Thanksgiving baskets at the same time. Please contact Rosemary Lamie at [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org) for more info or to sign up!

## News from The Rummage Room

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**Monday, October 27-Friday, October 30:** All Halloween costumes and decorations 75% off for the week.

**Friday, October 30:** Shoppers wearing Halloween costumes not only get 75% off Halloween items, but an *additional* 50% off on ALL merchandise for the day!

**Hours:** 10 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday & 10 am-1 pm on Saturday.

**Donations:** 9:30 am-4:30 pm Mon –Thurs; 9:30 am-12:30 pm Sat.

**Maria's Wish List:** Thanksgiving tableware, platters and decorations. Everything Christmas for the 'Christmas Shop' opening, *Monday, November, 24*. Also, handbags.

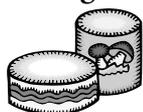
**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** *Domestic Violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma and sometimes death and its consequences can last a lifetime.* For these reasons, organizations that assist victims and address the elimination of domestic violence are among the recipients of The Rummage Room proceeds.

## Tai Chi Classes

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises with our new teacher, Joe Black. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Join us! You can even just drop in. **All are welcome.**

## Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

**Please remember those in need and donate food items to Neighbor to Neighbor.** Items especially needed at this time include: cereal,



canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter (regular sized jars please), jelly. **In addition to the donations of food and clothing, Neighbor to Neighbor is always in need of sheets and towels.**

*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Music by:

**The Youth Choir:**

*Take My Voice and Let Me Sing*

by Havergal/Kupferschmid

**The Chancel Choir:**

*Inflammatus* (from *Petite Messe Solennelle*)

by Giacomo Rossini

*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano*

**Men's Quintet:**

*Wanting Memories* by Ysaye Barnwell

*Drew Seigla, Donald Haviland, Vance Briceland,*

*Mark Montgomery, Craig Symons*

**Rev. Avery C. Manchester, preaching**

Where to find us:

[www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

[YouTube](#), [Instagram](#)



***Come One, Come Y'all  
to First Church's Barn Dance!***

***Saturday, November 1  
5:00-8:00 pm  
Riverside Elementary School***

*Supper, live music, dancing,  
games, surprises and fun!*  
**RSVP TODAY!**

Visit [fccog.org](http://fccog.org) (under News You Can Use)  
for more details.



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