

Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

United Church  
of Christ

*Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015*

# World Communion Sunday

4 October 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.*



**COVER ARTWORK:**

*World Communion Sunday*

Imaging the Liturgical Year Project:

Shell Ridge Community Church

By: Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber

[www.angelayarber.com](http://www.angelayarber.com)

Welcome to this service at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich this morning. May this hour revive your soul, refresh your spirit and compel you to embody the extravagant forgiveness and love of Christ.

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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*

Two Preludes:

*Be Thou My Vision*

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

**CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

**FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*Mary Ruth Allen*

**PRAISING GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

*Leader: Welcome to this place:*

*where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,  
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,  
where God has been, is, and always will be.*

*People: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:*

*where we find God's love,  
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,  
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.*

*All: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:  
where we bring our hunger, and find food,  
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing,  
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*HYMN**

*As We Gather at Your Table* New Century (black) Hymnal 332

**OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Gracious God: We will not find that needed justice in our apathy. We will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines. We will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners and hours of meetings. We will not find the peace you offer in our well-nursed grudges. But we will find you in the brokenness of the bread and in the breaking of our hearts. We will find you when we drain the cup, refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child. We will find you when we squeeze closer together, making room at your table for all your people. Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray together, 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.

**BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016**

*Rev. Meghan D. Young*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Gracious God, you are the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Draw near to these young people who seek to grow in faith. Steadily increase in them, and in us, the desire to follow you, the courage to question you, and the willingness to learn from your Holy Word. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

**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.*

*(As we begin singing Go, My Children, Church School 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.)*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Stu McCalley*

### Isaiah 25:6-10

**O**n this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain. *From New Revised Standard Version*

### ANTHEM

*Almighty God, God of Our Fathers*

*The Chancel Choir*  
Will James (1896-1973)

*Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal,  
Holy, holy, Lord God of Israel.  
Blessed art thou, the God of our fathers.  
Unto Thy throne do we lift up our songs,  
Lord, our creator, Lord, our creator.  
Great is thy name, the king of kings.  
Our prayers ascend to Thee,*

*Hear our prayer, our prayer unto Thee.  
Our father art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,  
Give us our daily bread, and deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom, the pow'r and the glory, forever, Amen.  
Mighty art thou, the lord of lords.*

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1, 15-24

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

*From New Revised Standard Version*

### \*HYMN

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 287

### SERMON

*The Lord's Table*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Meghan D. Young*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

CALL TO OFFERING

*Paul Kretschmann, Deacon*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Benedictus (from Requiem)*

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano*

*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano*

*Drew Seigla, tenor*

*Thomas Woodman, bass*

\*DOXOLOGY

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup (grape juice) until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.)*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen

our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

### \*HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 267

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Final Jubilante* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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*Directly following the service, all church members are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the Church Town Hall Meeting. A brief Fellowship Hour will then follow.*

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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.

We also now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where the parents can be comfortable *and* still be part of worship. Please see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations.

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.



## **Call to a Special Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, October 18*

(following 10:00 am worship)

A Special Congregational Meeting of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for *Sunday, October 18, 2015*, immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse to hear and act upon the recommendations from the Governance work group.

*Katherine McLennan  
Church Clerk*

### *Calendar*

#### **TODAY**

#### **Church School**

Today most children continue learning about our responsibility to care for God's Creation. There will be child care during the Church Town Hall Meeting following the worship service. **You are urged to pick up your children immediately after church. If you are staying for the Church Town Hall Meeting, child care will be in the Preschool Blue Door and teachers will escort children there if they are not picked up.** Next Sunday is a Service Sunday which is a one-room schoolhouse program in the Daniels Center.

#### **Church Town Hall Meeting TODAY**

Following worship this morning, we will have a Church Town Hall Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to preview a summary of the proposed governance changes that will be voted on at a Congregational Meeting to be held on *Sunday, October 18*. There will be an opportunity to review the new church leadership structure and to ask questions. Please join us.

#### *Pumpkins, Pizza and Prose*

Tickets go on sale **today** for this all church event being held on *Saturday, October 24* from 5:00–8:00 pm. Come enjoy the Pizza Truck offerings, carving and/or decorating pumpkins – both adult

and children versions - and help Miss Karen tell a spooky Halloween story in the Meetinghouse! Perfect opportunity to invite your friends. Don't miss the fun! Tickets available on Sundays or in the Church Office during the week. \$20 adult; \$15 child; \$80 max/family.

### **Cherub, Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal Today**

*\*Note Change of Location This Week for Children's and Youth\**

**Cherub Choir (grades K-2):** Room 104 (Lower Level) 11:15-11:45 am - Donald Haviland, director.

**Children's Choir (grades 3-6):** Craig's new office (on the right side of the stage by the main office) 11:15 am-12:00 pm - Craig Symons, director.

**Youth Choir (grades 7-12):** Daniels Center (lower level) 11:15 am-12:15 pm - Carolyn Paulus, director.

**NOTE:** Please be respectful of our choir directors and their other responsibilities on Sundays and do not drop off your children until the designated choir rehearsal times. Thank you.

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## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **Interested in Learning About Joining the Church?**

Our next **New Member Class** will be held on *Sunday, October 18* at 11:30 am in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately an hour and a half 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. 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 then be received on Sunday, October 25. 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 637-1791 x 26 or call the Church Office.

### **News from The Rummage Room**

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**Monday, October 5:** See Manager Leanne's 50% off sales for the week at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room).

**Monday, October 5: The Grand Opening of “The Best Little Halloween Shop” is TODAY!** The Rummage Room has a shop-full of great costumes and accessories for *everyone* from babies to grandparents. Come get them while they last! And, as you enter the shop, take a peek at the Halloween windows designed by Leanne Meyer and Nancy Hamilton.

**Manager Leanne’s Wish List:** Legos, double stroller, winter clothing.

**Shopping Hours:** 10 am-5 pm Mon-Fri, and 10 am-1 pm on Sat.

**Donation Hours:** 9:30 am-4:30 pm Monday-Thursday and 9:30 am-12:30 pm Friday and Saturday.

**Mission Statement:** All proceeds go to organizations supporting women, children and family needs. These are critical times throughout the world and your help is urgently needed!

**October is Domestic Violence Month:** Domestic violence results in physical injury and psychological trauma, and its consequences can last a lifetime. For these reasons, organizations that assist victims 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. 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 dry beans (kidney, garbanzo, etc.)** Tuna is **not** needed at this time. Also, cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels.

*Next Week at First Congregational Church*

*October 11, 2015*

*10:00 am* Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

*Music by:*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Great Commission* by Robert Lehman

*Drew Seigla, tenor*

*Rev. Meghan D. Young, Preaching*

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Youth Coordinator: Donald Haviland

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