

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church  
of Christ*

*Celebrating 350 Years - 1665-2015*

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**6 September 2015**  
10 o'clock in the morning



*Syrophenician Woman*

*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**e welcome you to worship here at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. We're glad you chose to join us this morning. During this brief hour may you be lifted with hope, wrapped in love and filled with peace.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*\*All who are able please stand.*

#### **PRELUDE**

*Ricercare in C Minor*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

#### **FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK**

*Tad Larrabee*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: God's touch of hope meets us in unexpected places.*

*People: God's touch of kindness walks toward us when we are most alone.*

*Leader: God's touch of healing reaches down into the depths of our souls.*

*People: Let us open our hearts that we might be touched by God's love and surprised by God's grace.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \*HYMN

*Come, Labor On*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 293

### OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Eternal God, we gather today to thank you for creating the world and all living creatures. We come seeking the light of your Spirit and to live together as the people of Christ. Give us the strength to honor our covenant with you, that our souls might be restored in moments of doubt. Grant us the courage and insight to extend the grace of Christ to all we meet. Grant us your peaceful blessing as we journey through our lives. We pray as Jesus taught us saying,

### LORD'S PRAYER (*"debts"*)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Daniel Lepoutre*

Isaiah 35:4-7a

**E**nergize the limp hands,  
strengthen the rubbery knees.  
Tell fearful souls,  
"Courage! Take heart!  
God is here, right here,  
on his way to put things right  
And redress all wrongs.  
He's on his way! He'll save you!"

Blind eyes will be opened,  
deaf ears unstopped,  
Lame men and women will leap like deer,  
the voiceless break into song.  
Springs of water will burst out in the wilderness,  
streams flow in the desert.  
Hot sands will become a cool oasis,  
thirsty ground a splashing fountain.

From *The Message*

ANTHEM

*O Love, How Deep*

*The Summer Choir*

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
How passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!  
For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought;  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself, but us.*

*For us to wicked men betrayed,  
Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
For us He bore the cross's death,  
For us at length gave up His breath.  
For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here,  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.  
To him whose boundless love has won salvation  
for us through his Son, to God the Father,  
glory be both now and through eternity. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

*Jean Watkins*

**Mark 7:24-30**

**F**rom there Jesus set out for the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house there where he didn't think he would be found, but he couldn't escape notice. He was barely inside when a woman who had a disturbed daughter heard where he was. She came and knelt at his feet, begging for help. The woman was Greek, Syro-Phoenician by birth. She asked him to cure her daughter.

He said, "Stand in line and take your turn. The children get fed first. If there's any left over, the dogs get it." She said, "Of course, Master. But don't dogs under the table get scraps dropped by the children?"

Jesus was impressed. “You’re right! On your way! Your daughter is no longer disturbed. The demonic affliction is gone.” She went home and found her daughter relaxed on the bed, the torment gone for good.

From *The Message*

**\*HYMN**

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 234

**SERMON**

*Have You Found Your Voice?*

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

*Agnus Dei*

*Thomas Woodman, bass*  
Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

**\*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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Today communion will be by intinction. Congregants are invited to come forward down the center aisle to one of the communion stations by the chancel, receive the bread (gluten-free), dip in the cup and partake. Those who need to stay in the pew should indicate their need to be served there to one of the ushers or greeters. Someone will come to serve you.*

## 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

*Ye Hold Angels Bright*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 23

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

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

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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. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care.

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**

*Bible Stories at the Beach* at our 8:00 am Beach Service ended today for the season. Although there are no formal Church School classes at this 10:00 am service in the summer, we do have adults and teenagers who can provide activities for your child during worship. These activities take place in the Preschool area and any usher can direct you. Please join us next *Sunday, September 13* for a **Child Care & Church School Open House** for parents/grandparents of infants, toddlers and preschool children any time between 9:30 and 11:30 am (before, during and after the 10 am service). Please meet our staff and see where your children will get to know First Church. **Regular Church School** begins on *Sunday, September 20*.

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### NEXT WEEK

#### **Summer Beach Services – Last One Next Sunday**

The last Beach Service of this summer season will be held at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point next *Sunday, September 13* (weather permitting). Communion will be served. Come and join us for this casual service. If the Beach Service is cancelled due to inclement weather, a notice in red will be posted on our website by 7:30 am and a white piece of paper will be taped to the sermon sign on the church lawn.

#### **Caregivers Support Group in September**

Due to Labor Day Weekend, our Caregivers Support Group will meet on *Sunday, September 13* from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm in the Binney Conference Room. Normally we meet the 1st Sunday of the month. This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister is the group facilitator and can be reached at 203-588-9896 or email: [dorothymueller1@gmail.com](mailto:dorothymueller1@gmail.com).

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Part Time Opportunity

One of our elderly church members is in need of some assistance. She needs transportation to doctor appointments, errands, etc. This is a paid position and necessitates a flexible daytime schedule. For more information please contact Rosemary Lamie at 203-637-1791 ext. 20 or [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org).

### Outreach Volunteers Needed

First Church is continuing its Outreach relationship with New Covenant House in Stamford, a soup kitchen that serves the hungry in Stamford. They recently moved across the street to their new home at 90 Fairfield Avenue, off exit 6, just 9 minutes from FCCOG. First Church provides and serves lunch the first Monday of every month. **We are in need of volunteers every month to help cook and/or deliver and/or serve chili.** Cooking takes place on the weekend in the church kitchen, all supplies provided. Delivery by car must be made by 2:00 pm on Sunday. Then lunch is served between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm on Monday. Teams of volunteers are welcome to cook and serve. These are great community service hours for youth! Get together with some family and friends. It's fun! Contact Barbara Wilkov in the Church Office at [barbaraw@fccog.org](mailto:barbaraw@fccog.org) or 203-637-1791 ext. 24 to sign up.

### News from The Rummage Room

*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*

**Monday, September 7:** Closed for Labor Day.

**Tuesday, September 8:** Manager Leanne's 50%-off sale items for the week may be found on the church website at [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room).

**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.

**Leanne's Wish List:** Fall and Winter clothing, especially children's clothing; a double stroller; books; good jewelry; nice bric-a-brac. Please bring items that are clean and salable.

For those of you who have been away, **Manager Maria Drieghe**

retired on Monday, August 31 after 20 years of service. Come in and meet The Rummage Room's new manager, Leanne Meyer. Leanne attended the Parsons School of Design in NYC and was formerly at Anthropologie in Greenwich, The Gap in Stamford, and J. Crew in Freeport, ME.

**Thought for Labor Day:** *Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in Freedom.* -Albert Einstein.

### 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 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*  
*September 13, 2015*

*8:00 am* Beach Service at Greenwich Point  
*10:00 am* Worship Service in the Meetinghouse

*Music by The Chancel Choir*  
*Praise Ye the Lord* by Luigi Cherubini  
*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano*

*Rev. Meghan Young,*  
*New "Bridge" Associate Pastor Preaching*

# Flower Donations



Flowers in the Meetinghouse on Sunday mornings are something we all enjoy. These flowers not only beautify our sanctuary, but are given to honor very special people and occasions in our lives. The reasons for donating flowers are many. In addition to remembering a loved one, you can give flowers in celebration of:

- Marriages
- Anniversaries
- Baptisms
- Birthdays
- To say “congratulations” or “thank you.”

Please know that donors can be an individual *or* a group. The Chancel Committee invites you to make a contribution(s) of flowers this year. Please tear out this form and post it on your refrigerator or in another handy place, and consider a Sunday when you would like to thank God and honor a special person or memorable moment in your life with a gift of flowers. Just deliver this completed form with your check to the Church Office (payable to the First Congregational Church Flower Fund) and we'll take care of the rest! In advance, thank you.

To Honor or Celebrate:\*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print names legibly to minimize spelling errors.)**

\*After the morning worship has concluded, the blooms are often delivered to shut-ins, hospitals or other facilities bringing beauty, healing, and community to those who cannot be physically present in church. If, however, you prefer to keep the flowers you have donated, you are most welcome. Please let us know your preference.



**Mark Your Calendars for the  
FCCOG Fall Kick-Off *Sunday, September 20!*  
Bring your whole family!  
Invite your friends!**

**10:00 am Worship & Church School followed by  
Food & Fun!**

**Special Magic Show by:**



- **PLUS ever popular bouncy houses!**
- **“Historical” activities**
- **Get your updated fccog tee shirt.**
- **Extra surprise for children!**
- **See old friends.**
- **Meet new friends.**
- **Invite friends to join you here!**

Grilled Items, rolls, condiments,  
drinks and dessert provided by  
the Parish Life Committee

Please BRING TO SHARE,  
if your last name begins with:  
A-P, a salad or side dish to serve 8-10  
Q-Z, dessert to serve 8-10 people.

Reserve your spot online at [fccog.org](http://fccog.org)  
OR at the Beach Service  
OR Fellowship Hour.  
\$7/person, \$30 max/family  
to help cover cost of entertainment.

Where to find us:

[www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)

Facebook

Twitter

YouTube

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