

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

7 May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 on this Sunday morning. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the Auditorium.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Andante con moto

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Felix Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

(Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your pew.)

Rev. Patrick Collins

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHORAL INTROIT

* HYMN

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ROLL CALL OF CANDIDATES

Ginny Breismeister

(Candidates will come forward as their names are called)

COMMITMENT OF CANDIDATES

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Clergy: We are called of God to be disciples through Christ Jesus. Today we welcome each of you to join us in the joy of God's service through the work of First Congregational Church of Greenwich.

Senior Deacon: Friends in Christ, we bid you welcome. We greet you as fellow disciples of Christ. Our purpose is to promote the increase of the love of God and neighbor. Will you now unite yourself with The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, accepting its responsibilities, praying and working for its usefulness, sustaining its worship, supporting its wider mission, and living with us in the joys of Christian fellowship?

Candidates: I will.

Clergy: We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual soul and the right of private judgment. We join in fellowship with other congregations of the United Church of Christ in declaring our steadfast allegiance to the faith which our forebears confessed, which from age to age has found its expression in the historic creeds of the Church Universal and of our Communion, and in affirming our loyalty to the basic principles of our representative democracy. We hereby set forth the things we most surely believe.

*** THE COVENANT** (All who are able, please stand)

We believe in God, infinite in wisdom and love, in Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit, who renews, comforts and inspires us. We are united in seeking to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and to walk in the ways of Christ. As Jesus accepted, welcomed and embraced all people without exception, so do we accept all who join with us in our journey to be a people of faith. We accept the mission of this church to proclaim the gospel, to worship God and to work for the dream of a compassionate world. Trusting in God's Spirit, we promise to support each other in love, that through our faith, the world might be made new. We ask this in Jesus' name, as we pray together as he taught us,

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

Enid Norris

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

—New Standard Revised Version

SOLO

Allegro (from Concerto in A minor)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Paul Ghaffari, violin

SECOND LESSON

John 10: 1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

—New Standard Revised Version

SERMON

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

*** HYMN**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 288

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Ken Conover

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

All We Like Sheep (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

All we like sheep have gone astray.
We have turned every one to his own way.
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

*** DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We are pleased to share with great joy and thanksgiving this special communion meal with the following students:

Dominic Curry
Brielle Quick
Christopher DiPreta
Timothy Kurczewski
Addie Shaw
Kenzie Worden
Shay Sippel
Charles Stuckey

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

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in this power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 79

FAREWELL TO MARCIA LIVINGSTON

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon Andre Campra (1660-1744)

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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.

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. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY

Church School

Today we continue our rotation curriculum on Pentecost and preparations for Children's Sunday on June 4. Also, eight children in the 2nd grade and older will be participating in Communion for the first time today. They and their parents will be seated in the front of the church and are very excited to be joining us in communion. All other church school classes will be held in the following locations: 3's & 4's in the Purple door; K & 1st in the Red door; 3rd in the Rainbow door; 4th & 5th in the Daniels Center and "678" in the Binney Conference Room.

Choir Rehearsals

The following choirs will meet today in their normal places/times:
Cherub Choir: Rainbow Room (basement) 11:15-11:45
Children's Choir: Daniels Center 11:15-12:00
Youth Choir: Meetinghouse 11:15-12:15

New Members Joining Today

Thomas (Tom) Clark, 241 Davenport Drive, Stamford CT, 06902, 203-253-4973. Tom comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Tom runs a wealth management team at Merrill Lynch in Stamford. He is a lifetime sailor and is an environmental advocate for protection of the oceans.

Patrick and Kate Collins, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich CT 06870, 203-990-0137. Patrick and Kate come to First Congregational Church by Transfer of Letter from Vine Congregational Church. Patrick is our recently installed Associate Pastor and Kate is a physical therapist. They are the parents of Emmett (6 years), Micah (3 years) and Jonah (almost 16 months). We

are so pleased that the Collins are now an integral part of First Church.

Patrick and Kristin Connell, 11 Lockwood Drive, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 617-510-6551 (Patrick's cell). Patrick and Kristin comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Patrick and Kristin moved to Old Greenwich in the fall of 2015 and were happy to find a neighborhood in which to start a family. Patrick works in marketing for Riverstone Holdings, a private investment firm in New York City. Kristen who works in Brand Management is currently a stay-at-home Mom to 2 month old daughter Berkeley Claire.

Zachary and Jessica Flynt, 28 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 917-922-6640 (Zachary), 917-545-1545 (Jessica). Zachary and Jessica come to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. They recently moved to Old Greenwich from Manhattan and are eager to be a part of a church family. Zachary is Senior Managing Director for Citi Habitats. Jessica is a stay-at-home Mom to Olivia (19 months). They enjoy sports and travel.

Gigi Gaudet, 150 Southfield Avenue, Stamford CT, 06902, 203-581-0861. Gigi comes to First Congregational Church by Letter of Transfer from Saugatuck Congregational Church. She is mother to grown children Scott and Caroline. Gigi works in Marketing for Altice Media and has many interests including tennis, sailing, skiing and participating in marathons and triathlons.

Jacques and Andrea Jenny, Jacques and Andrea come to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. They recently moved here from New York City to be closer to family. Jacques is Head of Research for Infusive Asset Management and Andrea is a partner, integrated investment, for Universal McCann. They have one son Parker (22 months). Andrea loves to bake and Jacques enjoys fly fishing and skiing.

Mi Heh Kim, 51 Forest Avenue #110, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 203-344-9276. Mi Heh comes to First Congregational Church by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich. She

is a retired Science Teacher and enjoys gardening and being a member of a book club.

Ellen Koehler, P O Box 693, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 912-223-9706. Ellen comes to First Congregational Church by Letter of Transfer from Frederica Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island, GA. Ellen has been a teacher of yoga, meditation, and other therapeutic exercise for over 20 years. She also is a massage therapist and has a business in Greenwich, Mason Street Wellness, specializing in holistic care for orthopedic conditions. She sings with the Greenwich Choral Society and The Grace Notes.

Arthur and Charlotte Robinson, 11 Palmer Terrace, Riverside, CT 06878, 203-637-1387. Arthur and Charlotte come to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Arthur is retired and enjoys painting and reading. Charlotte is a retired teacher from Greenwich Academy. She is a Rummage Room volunteer and currently co-treasurer of the Rummage Room committee. Arthur and Charlotte look forward to becoming more active in church.

Laura Siddi, c/o McKelvey, 6 Cary Road, Riverside, CT 06878, 203-637-7387. Laura comes to First Congregational Church by Confession of Faith. She is a caregiver/companion and writer. Laura is happy to find a welcoming community at First Church.

Blood Pressure Screening

Betsy Kreuter, a volunteer from the Wellness Committee, is available for blood pressure screenings during Community Hour.

UPCOMING

Tara Kangarlou to Speak at Second Hour, May 7

Award-winning international journalist Tara Kangarlou will share her experiences in the field covering the Syrian refugee crisis, and discuss her own efforts to alleviate the traumas among some of the most vulnerable refugee populations, in a presentation on Sunday, May 7, at 11:15 a.m. in the Auditorium following worship.

Ms. Kangarlou has written, reported, and produced for CNN, CNN International, NBC Los Angeles, Al Jazeera America, the Huffington Post and Al Monitor. In 2016, she founded “Art of Hope,” a

charitable organization based in New York City that provides alternative educational and vocational training for women and art therapy workshops for children. “The mission of ‘Art of Hope’ is to bring back a sense of self-worth, dignity, and normalcy for refugee women and children,” says Kangarlou, “an inner strength and confidence that can help them overcome the harsh realities of living life as survivors of war, whether in a host country or back home in Syria.” Her appearance in Old Greenwich is arranged by the First Church Refugee Task Force, which is also currently sponsoring a refugee family from Afghanistan.

Self-Nomination for Church Committees Being Accepted

You may not know that much of the good work that First Church does for its members and the community happens in the committees that are lead and staffed by our wonderful lay volunteers. We are in the process of putting together those committees for the new church year starting in July. We have committees focused on growing our church programs, growing our faith community, outreach/ volunteerism and various financial matters from budgeting to stewardship. If you would like to explore the possibility of serving on one of these committees please reach out to Chris Cantwell (ctcantwells@sbcglobal.net) or one of our pastors. We are at our best when our membership is actively involved in our church’s many missions.

Women’s Fellowship Annual Luncheon: May 10

The Women’s Fellowship Annual Luncheon begins at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 10. Luncheon tickets are \$12, payable to the Women’s Fellowship and must be mailed or dropped at the church office by today. Raffle tickets for the hand-sewn quilt made by The Kettle Quilters are available; see below for details. Proceeds are donated to charities that benefit women, children and families in need.

Kettle Quilters Raffle

The Kettle Quilters have created a beautiful queen-sized quilt for the Women’s Fellowship Quilt Raffle this year. It is a variation of a classical Log Cabin pattern. Log Cabin quilt blocks feature strips of fabric arranged around a center square. The contrasting fabrics create a pattern in the individual blocks. When placing the blocks, they can

be turned to achieve different looks in a quilt. This quilt could have looked very different if the same blocks were stitched together in a different pattern. Each square in the 2017 Raffle Quilt has a light side and a dark side, resulting in a unique pattern. This lovely quilt will be raffled off at the Spring Luncheon on May 10. Tickets are \$5 apiece and on sale at Coffee Hour and in the Church Office in the weeks leading up to the luncheon, but please don't delay. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from this raffle will support charitable organizations that benefit women, children and families. If you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at GinnyB@fccog.org. Thank you!

The Undies Project at Neighbor to Neighbor Presents: Undies Sunday!

Nothing says you care like underwear! On Sunday, May 14, 2017, please bring new, unused briefs and boxers for men, women's panties, and children's underwear for those in need to improve their lives. All sizes and ages needed. A donation bin will be provided. All items donated will be distributed through Neighbor to Neighbor to their clients.

Underwear is the most under-donated—and most needed—item of clothing. No one should be deprived of the simple, daily necessity of clean underwear that many of us take for granted. Hygiene and physical comfort are only a part of this basic human need. New, clean underwear also provides dignity and self-esteem. The Undies Project at Neighbor to Neighbor was started to fulfill this need.

News from The Rummage Room 191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, May 8: All sale items for the week can be found on the website at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day: We have great items for Moms. Also, gift certificates for any amount available at the cash register.

Monday, May 29: In celebration of Memorial Day, The Rummage Room will be closed.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Jewelry, handbags, & men's ties.

Shop Hours: 10:00-5:00 pm Monday to Friday & 10:00-1 pm Saturday.

Donation Hours: 9:30-4:30 pm Monday to Thursday & 9:30-12:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Please do not leave donations when the shop is closed.

Thoughts for the week: The measure of a person's real character is what they would do if they knew they would never be found out. Hopefully, we would do the right thing.

First Music & Arts presents the 5th Annual Spring Festival of the Arts

Friday, May 19 with a Gala Wine and Cheese reception from 6-7:30 p.m. The Art Society of Old Greenwich will have artwork from its members on display throughout the weekend from Friday evening through Sunday early afternoon in the Auditorium. Each year, the number of art on display has grown, and we anticipate this year is the biggest yet.

On Saturday evening, May 20 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Craig Scott Symons will conduct The First Church Festival Chorus and Orchestra concludes its celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Messiah concerts, first performed in December of 1966. Parts 2 and 3 of Messiah will be presented in its entirety to commemorate this momentous occasion. The soloists for the performance will be our Chancel Choir section leaders, Hanna Golodinskii, soprano; Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano; Drew Seigla, tenor; and Thomas Woodman, bass. Admission for the concert is \$25, youth 18 and under are free, and will be available at the door on the night of the performance.

On Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m., the sanctuary will be filled with sounds of piano and organ music presented by the Birk and Hoke Duo. Husband and wife, Eric Birk and Bernadette Hoke will perform organ and piano duets by Widor, Dupré, Ernst, Hesse, and Yon. Admission is \$25, youth 18 and under are free.

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, May 14**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by the Cherub Choir
Halleluia

Music by The Chancel Choir
But Thanks Be to God—G. F. Handel

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano, and Drew Seigla, tenor
O Death Where Is Thy Sting—G. F. Handel



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