

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*  
*Founded in 1665*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**11 March 2018**  
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.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

Jubilant Procession  
Jubilate

The Palmer Handbell Choir  
Mark Ardrey-Graves  
Douglas Wagner  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

#### **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**

Rev. Patrick Collins

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**People: Lent calls us to journey to the place where God covenants with us, to humbly receive the grace of God.**

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**People: Lent calls each of us to bear our burdens, to trust the One who bears them with us.**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

## **\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\* HYMN**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

New Century (black) hymnal 21

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

**Gracious God, through Jesus Christ you showed us love. Not that he always spoke words of comfort, but he walked with the unclean and unloved, shared wisdom, feasted with the outcast, brought healing into lives and challenged the status quo. This is love. That he spoke the word of God, walked a painful road to the Cross, shared living water, bread of life, brought hope to the world and died for the sake of all.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

## **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.**

(At this time, the Rotation Workshop classes begin in the Lounge and then go to their classrooms where they will be after church. Kindergarten and 1st graders go to the Preschool Red Door; 2nd to the Gold Door, 4th and 5th graders in the Lounge. Other children go directly to their classes: 3rd graders go the Rainbow Door. 6th graders to Patrick's office on the 3rd floor and 7th & 8th graders go to the Woodman Youth Room just past the Lounge.)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Helen Turvey Ingraham

#### **Isaiah 52: 3-10**

The Lord proclaims: You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money. The Lord God proclaims: Long ago my people went down to reside in Egypt. Moreover, Assyria has oppressed them without cause. And now what have I here? Says the Lord. My people are taken away for nothing. Their rulers wail, says the Lord, and continually all day long my name is despised. Therefore, my people will know my name on that day; I'm the one who promises it; I'm here.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of a messenger who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God rules!" Listen! Your lookouts lift their voice; they sing out together! Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion.

Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem! The Lord has comforted his people and has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm in view of all the nations; all the ends of the earth have seen our God's victory.

—Common English Bible

#### **SOLO**

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

Thomas Woodman, bass  
A. Dvorak

### SECOND LESSON

#### **Mark 7: 24-30**

Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was Greek, Syrophoenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

But she answered, “Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

“Good answer!” he said. “Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter.” When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. – Common English Bible

## **SERMON**

Every Dog Has His Day

Rev. Patrick Collins

## **\* HYMN**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forth Days Pilgrim (red) hymnal 153

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Great Day

The Chancel Choir

Arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

Vance Briceland, piano

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching. Great day!

God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.

The chariot rode on the mountaintop,  
God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.  
My God spoke and the chariot did stop,  
God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.

This is the day of jubilee,  
God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.  
The Lord has set his people free,  
God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.

#### **\* 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**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\* HYMN**

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing      New Century (black) hymnal 303

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Cornet Voluntary

Starling Goodwin

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse are given in loving memory of Hans and Betty Farman, devoted supporters of First Congregational Church for many years.

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

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**A Note to Parents**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, do not feel you have to suppress it during worship. The presence of children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." At First Church we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another. To the members of our congregation, please know that a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

For those who are interested, we do have child care available for babies and toddlers every Sunday, for the entirety of the church service, in the preschool classrooms.

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.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

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### **Church School**

Regular Church School continues today after the Children's Message. Classes following the Rotation Workshop curriculum will be in week 2 of their lessons about the events of Holy Week. All other classes will follow their specific curricula. Attention 3rd Families! Hold the Date for the annual Bible Breakfast. Sunday, March 18 at 9 am in the Daniels Center. More details will be emailed.

### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, RN will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Community Hour, following today's worship service. During the week, she is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 821.

### **Belonging and Becoming**

Were you raised in the Roman Catholic faith tradition? Do you have lingering questions about how First Church is different, and the same, from the tradition in which you were raised? If so, please join Richard and Patrick in the lounge following the service today at 11:15 for a discussion about these differences and how we at First Church seek to honor and welcome folks from all faith backgrounds, especially those from Roman Catholicism.

### **Sunday Afternoons Live**

Come join us for Sunday Afternoons Live in the splendor of the First Church Auditorium! Each performance is \$25 for adults, free admission for school aged youth, and comes with coffee, tea, and homemade sweet treats, served by our Music Committee and friends.

Our programs always offer something for everyone and this year is no exception. A new twist on admission for families: if you bring with you your school-aged children, admission for the parents is free!

### **Today: Ron Petrides Quartet**

Known for his blazing technique, jazz guitarist Ron Petrides joins forces with renown Austrian saxophonist and flutist Gottfried Stoger, bass virtuoso Ratzo Harris and a Grammy nominated drummer and producer Gerry Gibbs.

### **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: Music Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:00
- Youth Choir: Choir Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:15

### **UPCOMING**

#### **At-Home Dinners: Just for the Fun of It!**

Our first dinners began this weekend. We have some opportunities next Wednesday (3/14) and next weekend (3/17-18). Our hosts are encouraged by the response so far, but there are still a few more openings. Please take this opportunity to meet with new and "old" friends! Please contact Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) with questions.

#### **News from the Rummage Room**

##### **191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich**

**Sunday, March 11:** Daylight savings time began today. Let us all celebrate as we hope it is beginning to look like spring!

**Monday, March 12:** On Monday, March 5, the Rummage Room was completely cleaned-out and restocked with everything spring! And as you clean out your closets, please bring your salable items to the Rummage Room, where they will be converted into funds to help support women and children in need—both at home and around the world.

**Mgr. Leanne's Wish List:** Men's spring suits; men's ties; spring linens.

**Shopping Hours:** Monday through Friday, 10 to 5 and 10 to 1 Saturday.

**Donation Hours:** Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 & Saturday 10 to 12:30.

**Thought for the Week:** Each moment of the year has its own beauty. Today we are springing forward toward our journey into springtime. God's timing is so perfect for the much-needed lift to our hearts ... and especially to those who need our help! Thank you one and all for your support through the years! We could not be the Rummage Room without your donations, the many things you buy, our wonderful manager and volunteers. If you have never been to the Rummage Room, please come in and see what you've been missing.

**CPR Certification Course: Saturdays, March 17, 9 am - 12 noon**  
CPR Certification Classes, which include the use of an AED (defibrillator), are offered for church members and others who frequent our church. Greenwich EMS will provide American Heart Association certified training. Participants need only attend one class. There is no charge for regular church attendees. Space is limited. Please contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse at phone extension 821 or email [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org) if you are interested in participating. We appreciate you considering this service to enhance the safety and wellbeing of all who come to First Church.

### **Good Friday and Easter Saturday for All**

Hold the Date for our annual Easter Saturday (March 31) program. From 10 am to Noon, bring your hard boiled eggs to the Daniels Center for egg dyeing. We will have all the supplies; so bring the fuss to us! Also, beginning at noon on Good Friday and continuing through Saturday afternoon, all are invited to visit the Auditorium where you will experience Holy Week for yourself. This is for adults and children - feel, taste, smell, hear and see the journey Jesus traveled between Palm Sunday and Easter. The Labyrinth will be part of the program, too.

### **Nutritional Talk: The Benefits of the Mediterranean Diet Monday, March 26, 10:00 am to 11:15 am**

Denise Addoriso, a Registered Dietitian from Greenwich Hospital, will present what is included in a Mediterranean diet. She will also explain the benefits of a Mediterranean-style eating pattern such as improved weight loss, better control of blood glucose (sugar) levels and reduced risk of depression. A healthy snack will be

provided. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse at extension 821 or [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org).

### **Piano Players Needed...**

... for 45-60 minute shifts at our upcoming Red Cross Blood drive on April 4, from 1-6 pm. Please contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse if you are able to volunteer to lift the mood of the donors and staff.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

Please join us for the Caregivers Support Group for those who currently are, recently have been, or no longer are, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information, and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the Binney Conference Room. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, is the group facilitator. For more information, please call Dorothy at (203) 588-9896, or email: [dorothymueller1@gmail.com](mailto:dorothymueller1@gmail.com).

**Next Week at First Church  
Sunday, March 18**

Rev. Avery C. Manchester, preaching

Music by the Cherub Choir  
He's My Rock—Traditional

Music by the Youth Choir  
The Day Is Coming—Mark A. Miller

The Chancel Choir  
As Truly as God Is Our Father—William Mathias



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