

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Fourth Sunday of Easter
22 April 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.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Easter Alleluia

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Patrick Collins

PRAISING GOD

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Inchworm

The Cherub Choir

Traditional

Carol Woodman, director

Debbie Berner, piano

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing New Century (black) Hymnal 17

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

God of all creation, architect of the universe, Your voice called out over the deep darkness and brought forth light.

Your voice called out over the waters and brought forth life.

Your voice called out over this earth and brought forth our very beings. Your voice continues to call out bringing hope and new life. Help us to hear Your voice in the midst of the

hum of the highway and the buzz of our busy lives. May we hear, listen, and respond to Your voice in our lives and in our world. In Your name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Logan Carl Barnes, son of
Stephanie Lee Barnes & Raymond Carl Barnes

BAPTISM PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on Logan, that you will watch over him and guide him as he grows in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit. All of this we pray as Jesus taught us 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.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing,
Child of Promise

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* HYMN

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit New Century (black) Hymnal 567

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with
Cymbals and Drums

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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Rev. DenUyl is out of town today to attend the funeral of a good friend.

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

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. For toddlers and preschoolers who stay in church, there is a PrayGround in front of the chapel with a rug and a few quiet play things. The first pew of the chapel is reserved for parents to supervise their children if you do not need to

be on the rug with them. There are also additional children's books on the bookshelves near the back of the chapel.

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

Regular Church School continues today. Rotation Workshops continue to explore the story of Jesus after the resurrection greeting the disciples on the beach and preparing breakfast for them.

Attention 4th and 5th grade families! We will be making our last visit to Pilgrim Towers today for Earth Day and we will be help plant their gardens. Anyone else who would like to join is welcome. We will meet in the Lounge and leave after church.

Please Join Us for a Quarterly Meeting of Members after Worship Today

The chairpersons of many standing committees will give an update, answer questions and hear comments relating to church matters and operations. The meeting will immediately follow today's Sunday service.

Sleep Well, Age Well - Get the Sleep You Need to Promote Well-Being

Today from 11:30-12:30 in the Auditorium after Worship, behavioral sleep psychologist Dr. Saul Rothenberg of the Greenwich Hospital Sleep Center will look at the importance of a good night's sleep to overall health, and provide advice for healthy sleep habits. He'll discuss common sleep disorders and the services offered at the Sleep Center. Dr. Rothenberg is a psychologist and sleep specialist who

evaluates and treats children, adolescents and adults with a variety of sleep conditions, including insomnia and sleep apnea.

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

Raffle Quilt on Display at Community Hour Today

Raffle tickets are also available at the Rummage Room, in the church office and coffeeshours the next three weeks. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Women's Fellowship Luncheon on Wednesday, May 16 at 12 noon. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5.00 and all proceeds benefit local, national and international charities that support women and children.

UPCOMING

Photo Session Sunday for New Online Directory

In these busy times, taking your own selfie is the best way to get your family together for this photo. Please upload your own selfie photo into the MyFirstChurch directory. You can find the instructions on the upper right hand side of the First Church home page. Please contact Sue Wilder at swilder102@gmail.com or patlarrabee@hotmail.com with any questions.

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Sunday, April 22: Today is Earth Day! The Rummage Room has been 'Green' since its inception in October of 1964, when it was moved from the basement of FCCOG, which was long before conservation received the attention it does today. Without violating the three R's of conservation—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle—millions of dollars have been raised over the years. The Rummage Room's policy is to distribute this money to worthy organizations around the World that help support women, children and families in need. Please celebrate Earth Day by donating and shopping at the Rummage Room. It makes every day an Earth Day!

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Women's spring and summer dresses; men's spring suits; children's shoes for spring and summer.

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

Donation Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 & Saturday 9:30 to 12:30. Please do not leave donations outside when the Rummage Room is locked.

Thought for Every Day: We do not inherit the land from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children, and thus we must take care to preserve this gift for them. —Native American Proverb

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.

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, April 29**

Rev. Avery C. Manchester, preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir
Praise—Alec Rowley

Music by the Youth Choir
Cantate—Mary Lynn Lightfoot



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