

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Pentecost Sunday
20 May 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

Aria

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Leader: The journey of faith is a journey through life. We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way. We sojourn on the pathway of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which lead them.

People: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way, the road seems different.

Leader: Today we celebrate new leaders. We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

People: As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way, for they will find the way that is theirs.

Leader: We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.

People: Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family, too, as we all worship God together.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us New Century (black) Hymnal 267

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of your glory and goodness. Your love has surrounded us from our birth and drawn us to yourself. Thank you for calling us into this community of faith. Help us to love you, one another and the world with the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ who himself taught us to pray...

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.

ANTHEM

The Rainbow Song

The Cherub Choir

Carol Woodman, director

Debbie Berner, piano

**DEDICATION OF THE
RICK WOODMAN YOUTH ROOM**

(After the dedication, children 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. 3rd graders go the Rainbow Door. 6th, 7th & 8th graders will stay in church for the Confirmation service.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

Romans 8: 4-8

He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

—Common English Bible

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

The Youth Choir

Arr. Francisco Nuñez

Emma Olmsted, soprano

Carolyn Paulus, director

Vance Briceland, piano

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2: 1-15

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them

declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning!

–Common English Bible

SERMON

The Journey

Rev. Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

On Pentecost They Gathered

New Century (black) Hymnal 272

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., Rev. Patrick Collins, Rev. Avery C. Manchester, Rosemary Lamie, & Barbara Fortunato

INVITATION

REMEMBERING BAPTISM

Confirmation Class of 2018

**Alexander Jordan Arnold
Victoria Mueller Bradford
Bridget Hope Condon
Eliza James Dow
Sarah Elizabeth Mickley
Jennie Andersen Olmsted
Kristin Paige Riggs
John Thomas Romano
Benjamin Ewing Schinto**

PRAYER

QUESTIONS OF CONFIRMANDS

QUESTION OF CONGREGATION

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CROSSES

The Jerusalem Cross is bronze and often is worn around the neck. It is one large cross in the center surrounded by four small crosses. The symbolism is that Jesus Christ is Lord over the four corners of the earth. Or that the story of Jesus Christ is told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

PRAYER & DECLARATION

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel and Youth Choirs

This Is My Father's World/He's Got
the Whole World
in His Hands

Arr. Joel Raney

*** 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**

Let Every Christian Pray

New Century (black) Hymnal 261

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Mighty Sounds

Colin Mawby (b. 1936)

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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.

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

This is the last Regular Church School Sunday. Next Sunday is Memorial Day weekend when we will share our blessings for and farewell to Richard and Barbara. Today our children will continue their preparations for participating in worship on June 3.

The Rick Woodman Youth Room

Confirmation Sunday is the perfect day for the dedication of the new Woodman Youth Room (aka Rick's Room). The renovation, following the flood in 2015, is completed and the new location for the Youth Room is Room 203, to the right of the kitchen. It has been completely renovated and will be dedicated to Rick, in honor of his 30 plus years of teaching and mentoring the youth of First Church. Please stop by during Community Hour to see this lovely space!

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

UPCOMING

A Farewell to Rev. DenUyl: May 27

Please join the Church Council, clergy and staff in saying goodbye to Richard, Barbara, and Sophie DenUyl on Sunday, May 27 at a special Community Hour immediately following the service in the Memory Garden. This will be Richard's last sermon so it should not be missed—and we have a special treat! Come enjoy authentic Italian gelato from Gelato & Cioccolato's cart, a new business in Cos Cob.

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 FCCOG home page. The quicker pictures are taken and uploaded, the quicker the directory will be more useful to folks, especially as we transition to an interim senior pastor. These pictures are invaluable to new staff and church members as they learn names and faces, and are able to greet everyone at church events. If such technology is not your thing, however, Pat Larrabee will be in the lounge Sunday, 9:00-9:50 am and after church to take photos of individuals or families for input into the new photo directory. It will only take a few minutes. Just bring your best smile! Please contact Sue Wilder at swilder102@gmail.com or patlarrabee@hotmail.com with any questions.

Outreach Opportunity

Prepare or Serve Lunch to Our Neighbors at New Covenant House
We are looking for cooks, drivers and servers to help prepare and serve lunch to our neighbors at New Covenant House in Stamford. First Church provides the noon meal on the first Monday of every month, and we are looking for volunteers to take on a shift or more! Opportunities include:

- Prepare chili for the New Covenant House soup kitchen clients. Cooking takes about two hours on the first Saturday or Sunday in the church kitchen with a team of 3-4. Great for a date night or a chance to catch up with other church members!
- Deliver chili from church kitchen to Stamford in your car (10:15 a.m. on the first Monday of the month).
- Serve chili at New Covenant House in Stamford the first Monday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Your simple gift of time will be very much appreciated. If you are interested in any of these activities or more information, please contact Bill DeHaven at fccogsoupkitchen@gmail.com or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a8af2da6f85-preparing>

Undie Sunday to Continue through June 3

The Undies Project will be receiving donations of underwear for men, women and children in need to help improve their lives, and will welcome donations of new women's panties, new men's boxers

and briefs, and new children's underwear. All sizes and ages needed. All items donated will be distributed to local area organizations that help those in need. 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 Inc. was started to fulfill this need. For more information, visit www.theundiesproject.org.

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, May 21: Remember the Rummage Room when you are looking for graduation dresses, men's shirts and suits, wedding gowns, mother of the bride dresses, shoes, and jewelry. Also available are summer clothing, and children's clothing for all ages. If you are looking for wedding gifts, you won't be disappointed. The Rummage Room has beautiful crystal, pottery and art work. Plus, don't forget that gift certificates are available in any amount!

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Handbags; men's ties; vinyl records. Our Thanks to You, the Rummage Room Committee, who year after year has made it possible for the Rummage Room to function in the wonderful way it does. For those of you who are visiting or are new to the church, the Rummage Room has raised millions of dollars over the years which go to help those in need around the world! The Rummage Room opened its doors at its current location October 1, 1964.

Rummage Room Committee 2018-2019

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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. There will be no meeting in the month of May; we will resume on June 10. 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, May 27**

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr., preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir
The Song Is Faith—Alfred Fedak

Music by Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing—Arr. Mark Hayes



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