

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Music Sunday

10 June 2018

10 o'clock in the morning

Psalms,
Hymns,
&
Spiritual
Songs



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 as we celebrate Music Sunday. We are delighted that you have joined us this morning for worship, and hope you receive a friendly welcome. Please join us after the service in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) for strawberries, croissants, and warm greetings.

As you prepare for the service, contemplate these thoughts from John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, in his Directions for Singing from 1761:

*Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing.
Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature.*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.
*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Two Fanfares and Chorale

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ
J. S. Bach (arr. E. Power Biggs)
Trumpet trio

CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Rev. Patrick Collins

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Car Westbrook

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Cherub Choir
Traditional
Carol Woodman, director
Debbie Berner, piano

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One:

Praise the Eternal! Praise the True God inside

Rev. Patrick Collins

His temple.

All: Praise Him beneath massive skies,
underneath moonlit stars and rising sun.

One: Praise Him for His powerful acts, for His
greatness that surpasses our time and
understanding.

Men: Praise Him with the blast of trumpets!

Women: Praise him with harps and lyres, and the
rhythm of the tambourines and drums.

Children: Praise Him with singing and dancing, with
flutes and strings of all kinds!

All: Praise Him with cymbals—loud, crashing
cymbals!

One: Let no one and nothing be left out;

Congregation: Let every man, woman, and child,

Choirs: Every mammal, reptile, and bird,

All: Let everything that has life praise our Eternal
God!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* HYMN

Make a Joyful Noise to God (based on Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

GATHERING PRAYER

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Creator God,

**because you make all that draws forth our praise
 and the forms in which to express it,
 we praise you.**

**Because you make artists of us all,
 awakening courage to look again at what is taken for
 granted,
 grace to share these insights with others,
 vision to reveal the future already in being,
 we praise you.**

**Because you form your Word among us,
 and in your great work embrace all human experience,
 even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,
 we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.**

SOLO

The Swan

Jeremy Levine, vibraphone

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Pat Mendelsohn

Psalm 71 (selected verses)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again. I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued. All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.

—New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Lord of All

The Children's Choir

Helen Kemp (1918-2015)

Vance Briceland, piano

(when directed, the congregation should join in singing)

**All: For the church that ever more lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.**

SECOND LESSON

Lynn Hawxhurst

Exodus 15 (selected verses)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and

with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”
 –New Revised Standard Version

*** HYMN**

Our Hope, Our God



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
 free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.

ANTHEM

There's a Little Wheel A-Turnin'

The Palmer Handbell Choir
 Arnold Sherman

ANTHEM

Elohai N'tzor
 (from the closing of the Amidah prayer)

The Youth Choir
 Danny Maseng
 JQ Norrgard, solo
 Carolyn Paulus, director
 Vance Briceland, piano

Elohai n'tzor l'shoni meira,
 Us'fatai midabeir mir'ma,
 V'lim'kal'lai naf'shi tidom,

O God, keep my tongue from evil,
 and my lips from deceit.
 Help me to be silent
 in the face of derision,

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with
 praise.
 Give thanks to him and praise his name.
 For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever,
 and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*** HYMN**

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show (based on Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

* **BENEDICTION**

One: As Miriam took a tambourine to sing and dance in celebration,

All: May we go into the world singing a new song and dancing to the songs of creation.

One: And may we be open to God,

**All: Who continues to create harmony, rhythm, and melody to bless and encourage each one of us.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (please be seated)

Worthy to Be Praised

Byron Smith (b. 1960)

The Chancel Choir

Carol Woodman, mezzo soprano

POSTLUDE

Con bravura

Vaclav Nelhybel (1919-1996)

Trumpet Trio

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Instrumental ensemble:

Jeremy Levine, vibraphone

Tod Hedrick double bass

Joe Sabia, Joe Spitzer, Jim Cifelli, trumpets

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.

Radio Ministry

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

Our Church School will be on a summer hiatus after next Sunday, June 17, when we will have a one room schoolhouse class. Today we will all stay in worship for Music Sunday. We are taking this opportunity to thank all of our teachers, parents and children for a wonderful year and a very special worship last Sunday.

Open House Today after Worship: 11-12

Come see the beautifully renovated home of our future Settled Pastor, at 15 Forest Avenue—the Senior Pastor's Parsonage.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. If our Community Hour is held outside, Sue will be in the Memory Garden. If held inside, due to weather, Sue will be available in her new office, to the right of the Auditorium stage.

UPCOMING

First Church Volunteer Day at Neighbor to Neighbor

Join your friends on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30 – 10:30 or 10:30 - 12:30. We will be stocking the food pantry and sorting and displaying the clothing and linen contributions. Neighbor to Neighbor is located at Christ Church in Greenwich (across Putnam Avenue from the YWCA). Please contact Rosemary Lamie (RosemaryL@fccog.org) or sign up on the easel during Community Hour after church. This is a great opportunity for a parent/child team or a teen and a friend as well as individuals. Children 12 – 15 need to be accompanied by a parent or another adult. Hope to see you there!

Notice of the 347th Annual Meeting

The 347th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT, is hereby called for Sunday, June 17, 2018, immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse:

- To hear the Annual Reports of the Pastors, Officers, Committees, Organizations and Departments;
- To elect Officers for the ensuing year;
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Note: Child Care and snacks will be available in the Undercroft for children during the meeting. —Car Westbrook, Church Clerk

Summer Choir – All Welcome!

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, starting next Sunday, June 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that morning. Head to the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the hymns, anthem, and bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it also gives you a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 822).

June 24 Is Our All-Church Greenwich Point Service

June 24 is our All-Church Greenwich Point Service at 10 a.m., and we will gather at the Seaside Garden at Greenwich Point. This location is near the Old Greenwich Yacht Club, about half-way around the point. **Please note: there will be no Meetinghouse worship service on June 24.** Everyone is welcome at Greenwich Point for this special day, regardless if you're a Greenwich resident or not; simply state at the entrance that you're coming for the First Congregational Church service.

Please bring a picnic lunch and beach/lawn chairs with you to enjoy with your church family after worship. Should weather be bad that morning, we will revert to the Meetinghouse at 10 am. Check the church website that morning for a notice if the location is changed. Following worship, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and community with a picnic. Bring your own food, which is easier to manage individually/family than it would be if the church were to provide a meal. We're also asking you to bake some goodies to share in a Bake Sale. Funds raised from the sale will be used to assist our youth who are leaving that morning for their annual Mission Trip to the Houston area, helping folks rebuild homes and lives following the hurricane disasters last summer.

Flower Donations

Flowers in the Meetinghouse on Sunday mornings are something we have all come to 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, congratulations, and thank you's. Donors can be an individual or a group. After the morning worship has concluded, the blooms are often delivered to shut-ins, hospitals or other facilities bringing beauty to those who cannot be physically present in church. If, however, you prefer to keep the flowers you have donated, please let us know and we will make arrangements to save them. Please consider a Sunday when you would like to thank God and honor a special person or a special moment with a gift of flowers. Contact the church office at 637-1791 for more information.

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

Monday, June 11: Hear ye! Hear ye! One week left before Father's Day! The Rummage Room has an amazing assortment of clothing for Father's Day. From T-shirts to golf shirts to shirts for business wear, short pants, long pants, long and short-sleeved shirts, light jackets, belts . . . you name it and you'll find it at the Rummage Room!

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Handbags; jewelry, and children's clothes.

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

Donation Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 & Saturday 10 to 12:30. Please do not leave donations outside when the Rummage Room is closed.

“Remember one thing about Democracy: We can have anything we want and at the same time, we always end up with exactly what we deserve.” –Edward Albee, American playwright (1928 -2016)

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, June 17**

Rev. Patrick Collins, preaching

Music by the Summer Choir
The Lord Is a Mighty God—Felix Mendelssohn
Author of Justice—Lloyd Larson

347th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church
Following Worship



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