

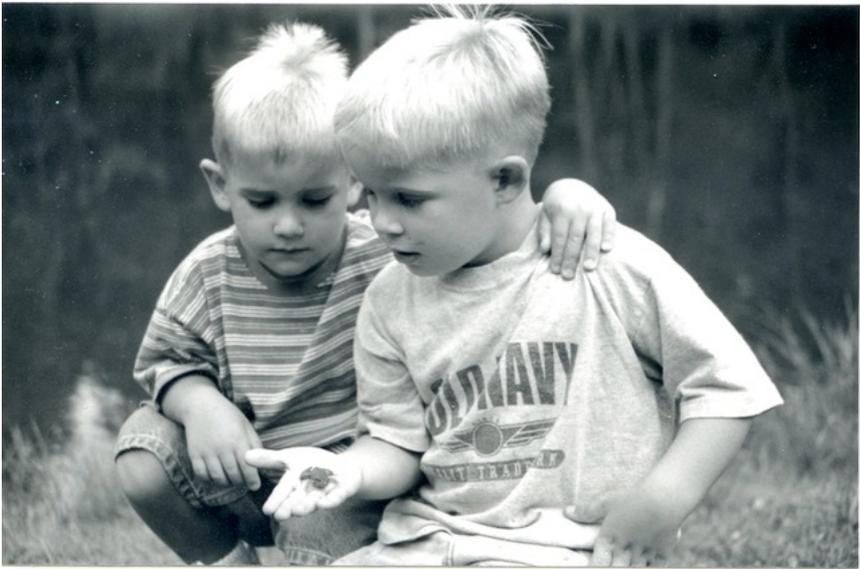
The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Deacon Sunday

Seaside Garden at Greenwich Point

24 June 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 Seaside Garden service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich on this Sunday morning.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beth Rollins

One: We are the body of Christ.

All: We are the people of God.

One: Clapping our hands, tapping our toes, lifting our voices.
Cacophony blends into harmony.

Measures of unity. We are the people of God.

All: We are the body of Christ.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit-tle flower that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv-er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col-ors; God made their ti-ny wings.
 the sun-set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE Rev. Avery C. Manchester

One: For the ways in which we hide our talents...
 Unsure of ourselves, we fill our lives with noise
 hiding from the rhythm of the Spirit's song.

All: Lord have mercy.

One: For the ways in which we stifle the music around us...
 Refusing to listen, neglecting to nurture, failing to
 respect,
 the gifts of music around us are too quickly squandered.

All: Christ have mercy.

One: For the ways in which we have denied the Holy in the
 beauty of music...

Defining what passes for Holy, ears tuned too narrowly,
the mystery of the Spirit's song is beyond our hearing.

All: Lord have mercy.

One: Still the Spirit beckons. The birds share a mating song,
the children offer the melody of laughter.
The rhythm of God's call in our lives knows no
beginning and no end.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Avery Pauline Schauder, daughter of
Christina Schauder and Frederick Schauder

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 Avery, that you will watch over her and
guide her as she 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

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SOLO

Barcarolle – June

Paul Ghaffari, violin

P. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

RESPONSIVE READING

Pam Grunow

(from Psalm 104)

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

**All: He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains.**

One: The birds of the air nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches.

**All: He waters the mountains from his upper
chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his
work.**

One: He makes grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for human cultivation—
bringing forth food from the earth:

**All: wine that gladdens the heart of humanity,
oil to make his face shine,
and bread that sustains her strength.**

One: How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you made them all.

**All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works!**

One: God formed the land, the sky, and the seas,
making earth a fitting home
for the plants, animals, and human beings he created.

**All: The world was filled with color, beauty, and
variety;
it provided room for work and play,
worship and service,**

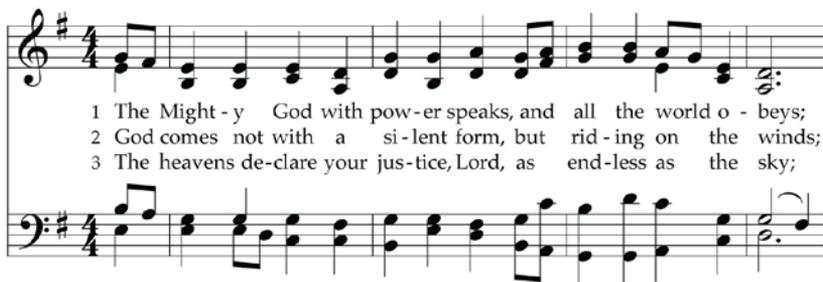
love and laughter.

One: God rested—and gave us rest.

All: In the beginning everything was very good.

HYMN

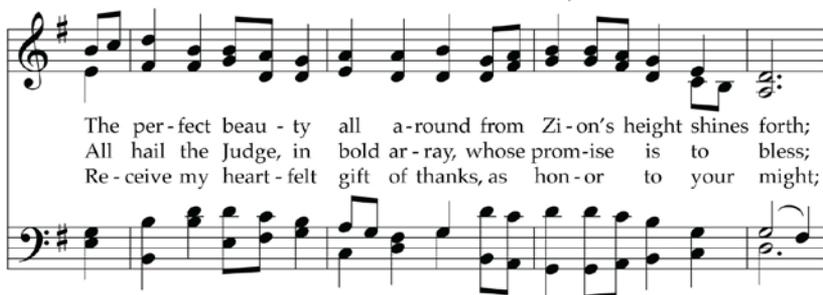
The Mighty God with Power Speaks



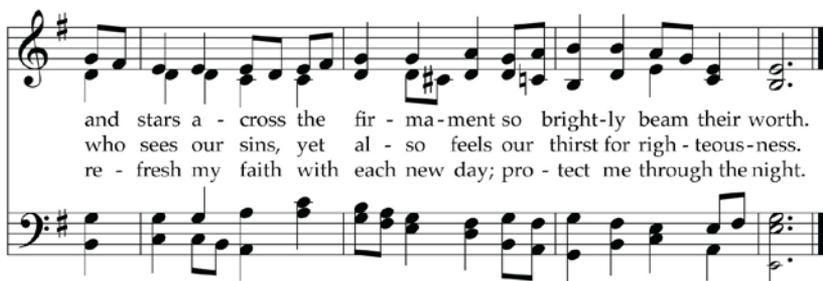
1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

REFLECTIONS

Joe McBride (read by Phoebe Griffith),
Philip Bradford, Andrea Woodman Osker

* HYMN

God of Great and God of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Barbara Norrgard, Rick Derr

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

Marilyn Derr

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

The Summer Choir
John Rutter

* DOXOLOGY

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

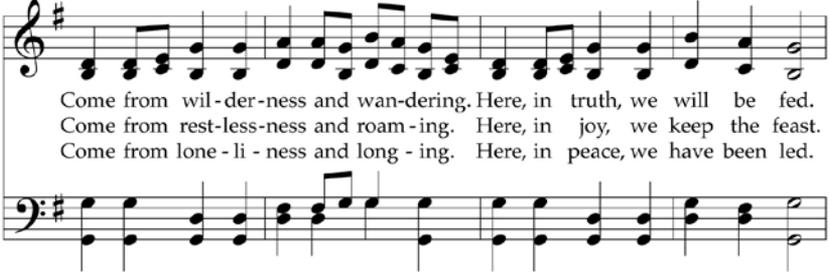
GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* HYMN

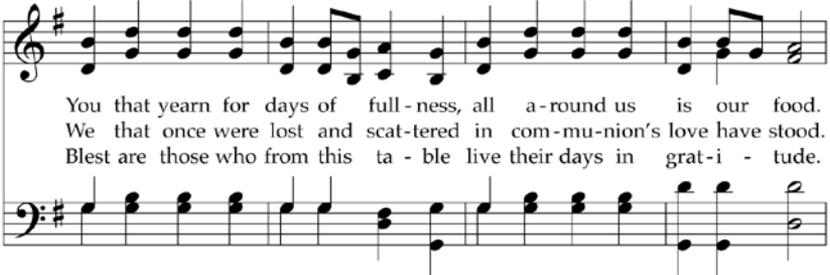
All Who Hunger Gladly Gather



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING

Summer Choir – All Welcome!

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, 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).

Summer Sings – 8 Years Strong

Our 7th season of Summer Sings opens this year with some new features: we're moving to Thursday nights, and only having two sings, June 28 and August 30, and gathering in the glorious acoustic of the Auditorium, which is now air conditioned, making summer events more enjoyable. First Church's Director of Music, Craig Symons, will lead singers on Thursday, June 28, 7:30-9:30, with the Bach Magnificat. Non-singers are welcome to observe, free of charge. Donation is \$10 per singer. New this year: college students and younger are free!

Sign Up Today for the First Church Beach BYO Picnic: Thursday July 12 5 to 8 pm

The Welcoming Committee is pleased to invite everyone to the First Church Beach Bring-Your-Own Picnic! Pack a picnic dinner and beverages, dessert is on us! We will gather at the Clambake area from 5-8 pm on Thursday, July 12. This is an opportunity for those who do not live in Greenwich to enjoy our beautiful Greenwich Point.

Tell the gatekeeper that you are here for the First Church picnic. Singles, couples, families are welcome, bring a friend! You can sign up at on-line My First Church, in the church office and in Community hour beginning next week.

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, June 25 through Saturday, June 30: View 50% off items for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

Thursday, June 28 through Saturday, June 30: Old Greenwich Sidewalk Sales.

Mgr. Leanne's Wish List: Handbags, men's summer blazers, and summer sweaters.

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.

Notice to Our Shoppers: Beginning Monday, July 2, the Rummage Room will close on Fridays at 1 pm.

Summer Closing: The Rummage Room will close on Saturday, August 4 for painting and repairs and will reopen September 4—the day after Labor Day.

Special Thoughts: To those of you who have shopped and donated year after year, it has been such a comfort to realize how much help you have given to those in need.

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, July 1**

Rev. Avery C. Manchester, preaching

Music by the Summer Choir
God Bless America—Arr. Joseph Martin
Hymn to Freedom—Arr. Kirby Shaw

Music by Brass and Organ
American Trilogy
Stars and Stripes Forever—Mary Fike, piccolo



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