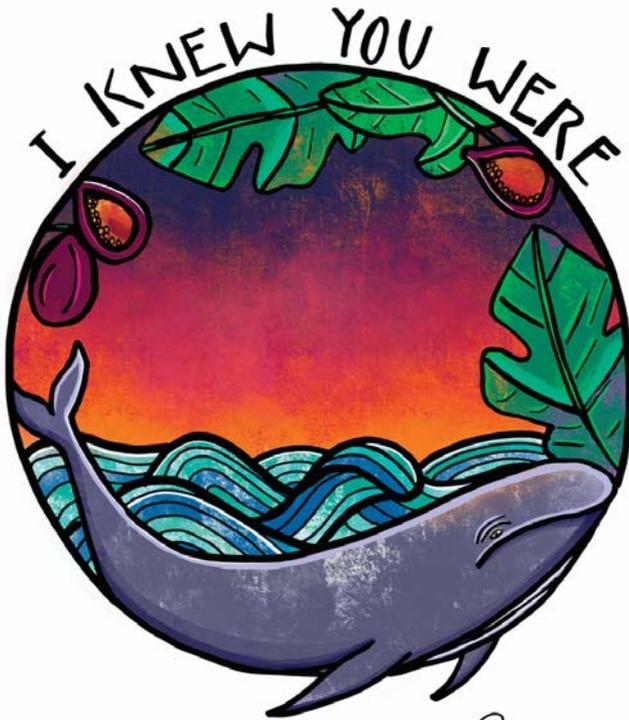


The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Legacy Sunday
15 July 2018

10 o'clock in the morning



gracious
AND
compassionate

JONAH 4:2

Sarah Aze

So on May 11, 1665 at a meeting of the General Court in Hartford with Governor Winthrop presiding, Greenwich was granted a charter:

“Upon ye motion and desire of ye people of Greenwich this court doth declare that Greenwich shalbe a Township intire of itself provided they procure and maintaine an Orthodox minister and in the meane time and until yt be effected they are to attend ye ministry at Stamford and contribute proportionably with Stamford to ye maintenance of the ministry there.”

—The First Three Hundred Years: The History of The First
Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT

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 Memory Garden.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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

PROCLAMATION

LEGACY SUNDAY RECOGNITION

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Patrick Collins

Leader: Come, let's praise God together!

People: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, God's mighty acts throughout history:

People: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Let's remember the compassion God has shown toward us; God's mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

People: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

People: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

All: Let's worship God together!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 251

UNISON PRAYER

Sovereign God, you alone are worthy of our praise. We have come to worship you, to praise your name, to proclaim your power and glory, to re-tell the stories of your goodness, and to remember your mercy and compassionate love. We come to affirm that you are our God, and that we are your people. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of your son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes to your presence among us. Open our hearts to hear your voice, to recognize your call, and to faithfully follow where you lead. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Car Westbrook

Psalm 145: 1-8

I will lift you up high, my God, the true king. I will bless your name forever and always. I will bless you every day. I will praise your name forever and always. The Lord is great and so worthy of praise! God's greatness can't be grasped. One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts. They will talk all about the glorious splendor of your majesty; I will contemplate your wondrous works. They will speak of the power of your awesome deeds; I will declare your great accomplishments. They will rave in celebration of your abundant goodness; they will shout

joyfully about your righteousness: “The Lord is merciful and compassionate, very patient, and full of faithful love.”

—Common English Bible

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Summer Choir
John Rutter (b. 1945)

SECOND LESSON

Jonah 3-4: Selected Verses

The Lord’s word came to Jonah a second time: “Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you.” And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord’s word. Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days’ walk across.

Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, “Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn’t do it.

But Jonah thought this was utterly wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, “Come on, Lord! Wasn’t this precisely my point when I was back in my own land? This is why I fled to Tarshish earlier! I know that you are a merciful and compassionate God, very patient, full of faithful love, and willing not to destroy. At this point, Lord, you may as well take my life from me, because it would be better for me to die than to live.” The Lord responded, “Is your anger a good thing?”

—Common English Bible

SERMON

Bigger Fish to Fry

Rev. Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy New Century (black) hymnal 23

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

- * 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**
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing New Century (black) hymnal 459

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

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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.

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

Today Is Legacy Sunday

What is Legacy Sunday, you ask? This year, we decided it made perfect sense to combine the two days that honor the landing of the first settlers of Greenwich and purchase of the land from the native people on July 18, 1640, previously known as Founders Day, as well as the members who have been with the church for 50 or more years, also known as Heritage Sunday. At Community Hour, following this service, we will have a display of historical items from our church archives in the Memory Garden, weather permitting. Join us for this historic day in the life of our congregation and our community.

Legacy Sunday

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more*

1936

Carolyn Wright Ashwell

1942

Barbara Firth Kneen

1948

Nancy R. Hoffman

1949

Donald Freeman

Ruth Gisborne Reed

1950

Erling Andersen

Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels

Dorothy Dalenz Perna

Robertson

1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman

Gifford Reed

1952

Barbara Van Buren

William C. Henry

E. William Fossum

1953

John Denne

Claire Gisborne Henry

Diane Magness Andersen

Benito Menegon

1954

Caralliene Westbrook

1955

Larry Haviland

1956

Lawrence Dickie

Virginia Liddel

Betsy Pearson

1957

Tina Birkic

Emily Jostrand

Donna Magness Gargagliano

Marcia Livingston

1958

Barbara Hopkins

Jane Ann Henry Ives

Stanley Rand III

Barbara Van Buren Richmond

1959

Carol Dinmore

Pat Geismar

Henry Hull III

Carol Mawhinney

Darleyne Sandreuter

James Starkweather

Mary Starkweather

1960

Dorothy Fisk

Ronald Weigner

1961

Patricia Schmitt

Martha (Marti) Stisser

C. Webb Williams

1962

H. Kent Atkins

1963

Lynn O’Gorman

1964

Inge Thalheim

1965

Robyn Helmer

Jonathan Henry

Richard Lewis

Richard Mawhinney

John Norrgard

Barbara Norrgard

William Savage

Irene Savage

Peter Schieferdecker

Nettie Schieferdecker

Mary Ann Chidsey

1966

Judy Coleman

Stephen Weigner

1967

Jean Ayres

Kathryn Davis

Susan Ferris

Charles Field

Jan Meyer

Prill Meyer

Darlene Moore

Nancy Palamarcuik

Hans Plickert

Sandra Plickert

Laura Pugliese

Barbara Rawn

Harriet Starr

Jack Sweger

1968

Sarah-Anne Colegrove

Jon Hunt

Eric Kreuter

Leon McKenzie

Linnea Stenberg

Jean Watkins

Jefferson Watkins

Jerry White

Ruth White

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 office, to the right of the Auditorium stage.

UPCOMING

Beach Services Schedule

Our future beach services by the Innis Arden Cottage are July 29, August 5, August 19, and September 2. Remember, you don’t have to be a Greenwich resident to attend these services; simply tell the attendant at the entry point you’re there for the church service. Don’t forget to bring your beach chairs!

Friday Film on the Front Lawn
Friday, July 20 7:30-10:00 pm

All ages are invited to join us this Friday for a fun night filled with food, fellowship and a good movie. Bring your own dinner or snacks on the front lawn starting at 7:30 pm. At 8:30 pm we will watch the 2018 release of "Peter Rabbit" on a big screen in the front lawn of the church.

Save the Date: July 22 Guest Preacher Anthony Trujillo

A special thank you to Olga Hartwell for bringing us one of her colleagues at Yale to be a guest preacher on July 22. Anthony Trujillo is a student in the Master of Divinity program at Yale Divinity School (YDS) who is in the process to become an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His ministry attends to the complex religious histories of the United States and he seeks to imagine theological and interpretive strategies that affirm, indigenous lifeways. Please come to hear Anthony's inspiring message and give him a warm welcome to Old Greenwich and First Church.

Special Children's Program at the Beach Service July 29

At our July 29 Beach Service, Susie Baker will be presenting a special children's program: Caring for God's Creation on the Long Island Sound. Susie is a retired teacher of Marine Biology & Oceanography, and Keeper of God's Creation. Some of you may have been taught by her at Greenwich High School and know how hard it was to get into her class. Well, we do not have that problem because we are blessed to have Susie in our congregation and to have her graciously and beautifully teach our children about God's creation on the beach at Tod's Point. Looking forward to seeing your children there on July 29th at 8am.

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Our 50%-off items for the week can be seen at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

During the month of July, the Rummage Room will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 until 5 pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, it will open at 10 am and close at 1 pm through the remainder of July.

Mgr. Leanne's famous bag sales in the month of August:

Thursday, August 2: All You Can Jam in a Bag for \$12

Friday, August 3: All You Can Stuff in a bag for \$8

Saturday, August 4: All You Can Cram in a Bag for \$1

Saturday, August 4: The Rummage Room will close at 1 pm for cleaning and repairs.

Tuesday, September 4 (the day after Labor Day): The Rummage Room will reopen for the 54th time in its history (1964-2018) at 10 am and close at 5 pm.

Wednesday, September 5: The Rummage Room will accept donations from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. Please do not leave donations while the Rummage Room is closed! There will be no one to process them and they will be collected as trash.

**Next Week at First Church
Sunday, July 22**

Anthony Trujillo, preaching
Jon Hunt, guest organist/director

Music by the Summer Choir
Expectans Expectavi—Charles Wood

Music by Carol Woodman, soprano, & Thomas Woodman, bass
The Prayer—David Foster



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