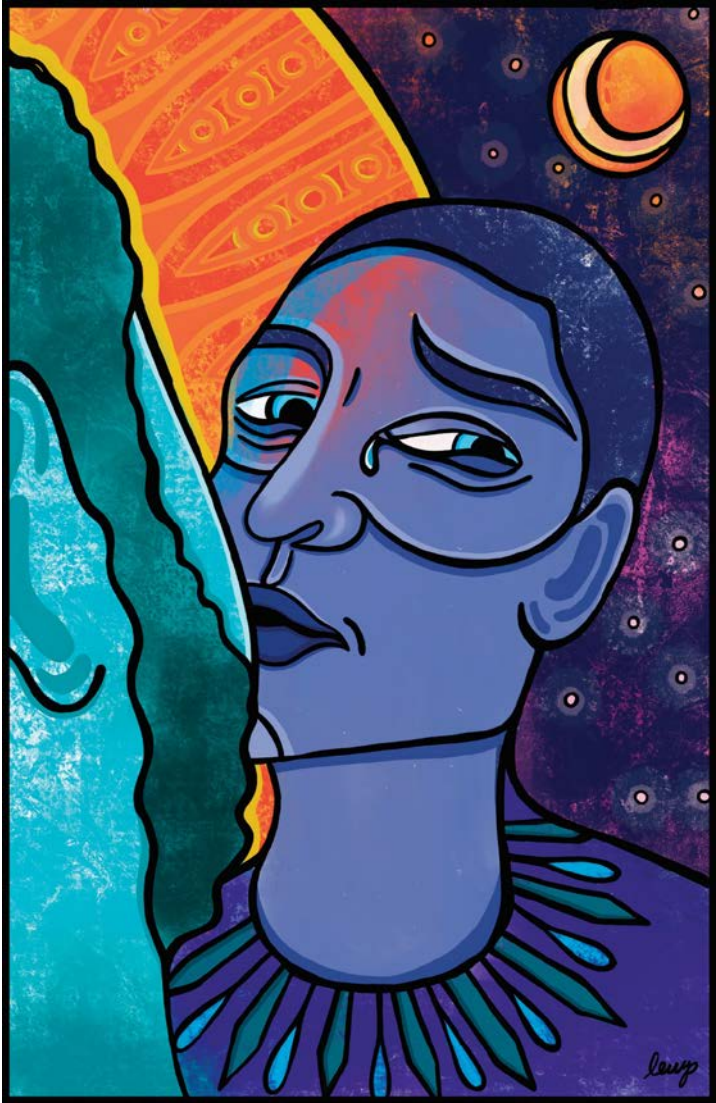


The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

29 July 2018

10 o'clock in the morning



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.)

PRAISING GOD

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Patrick Collins

Leader: Come to the water, all who are thirsty.

People: Come drink deeply from the river of life.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who are weary.

People: Come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who long for justice.

People: Come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

Leader: For God is here among us washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.

People: Let us worship God together!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 29

GATHERING PRAYER

Lord, the eyes of all look to you in hope; and you give them what they need. You open your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to you again, longing to be filled, to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from your life-giving streams, to taste your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with you, and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful disciples. For you alone are God, the source and sustainer of life and together we pray the words Jesus 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

Helen Ingraham

Isaiah 55: 1-5

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat! Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk! Why spend money for what isn't food, and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; enjoy the richest of feasts. Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful loyalty to David. Look, I made him a witness to the peoples, a prince and commander of peoples. Look, you will call a nation you don't know, a nation you don't know will run to you because of the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

– Common English Bible

ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

The Summer Choir
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!

SECOND LESSON

Mark 14: Selected Verses

Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to give Jesus up to them. When they heard it, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So he started looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

On the evening of the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. During the meal, Jesus said, “I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me.”

Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, “It’s not me, is it?”

Jesus answered, “It’s one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born.”

Later that night, Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “The time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let’s go! Look, here comes my betrayer.”

Suddenly, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a mob carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by

the chief priests, legal experts, and elders. His betrayer had given them a sign: “Arrest the man I kiss, and take him away under guard.”

As soon as he got there, Judas said to Jesus, “Rabbi!” Then he kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

– Common English Bible

SERMON

Under Pressure

Rev. Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Pilgrim (red) hymnal 335

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Summer Choir
John Rutter (b. 1945)

*** 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**

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

New Century (black) Hymnal 303

*** 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

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

Future beach services by the Innis Arden Cottage are 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!

Photos 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, you can contact Pat Larrabee at patlarrabee@hotmail.com to arrange for an appointment to have your photo taken. Please contact Sue Wilder at swilder102@gmail.com with any questions.

Summer Choir – All Are 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 third 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).

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.

Monday, July 30: The Rummage Room will be open July 30 through August 4, and then close Saturday, August 4 at 1 pm for the yearly clean-out and for repairs.

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

Thursday, August 2: All You Can Jam in a Bag for \$15

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 host its grand reopening for the beginning of its 54th year (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.

Thought for the Times: "Power can be very addictive, and it can be corrosive ... and it's important for the media to call to account people who abuse their power.—Former US President George W. Bush

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, August 5**

Rev. Patrick Collins, preaching

Music by the Summer Choir
If We Believe that Jesus Died—John Goss

Music by Daniel Young, tenor
A Simple Song—Leonard Bernstein



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