

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

World Communion Sunday

7 October 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 Auditorium.

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse (like ours) or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.**

(Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

Enid Blount Press, clarinet

Jazz Improvisation

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OPENING WORDS

Emma Olmsted, Lola Dellascenza,

Darin Jacks, Marcus Lotufo,

Francesca Lotufo, William van Rhyn, Matthew Golodinskii

(Our youth will read the following opening words in several different languages.

You are invited to join them in reading it in unison at the end.)

To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

“Come and Eat! There’s more than enough for all!”

To those who are thirsty, he says:

“Come and drink! It’s free for the taking!
 Stop wasting your money on food that doesn’t satisfy.
 Come to me, and you will find everything you need!”

*** HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

*** CALL TO GIVE THANKS**

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: We are not alone,

All: we live in God's world.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks and praise.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

The Cherub Choir

Carol Woodman, director

Debbie Berner, piano

Andrea Osker, ukulele

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reverend Carla Dietz

And the Table Will Be Wide—Jan Richardson

PRESENTATION OF THE BREADS

Marcus Lotufo

Francesca Lotufo, Pat Larrabee,

Hanna Golodinskii, Emma Olmsted

Helen Ingraham

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

Salaam

The Youth Choir

Mosh Ben Ari

Carolyn Paulus, director

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Reverend Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

For Everyone Born

E Leader or All *A2*

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E *A2* *Bsus* *B*

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus*

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E *Bsus* *E* *Bsus*

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

B All *E* *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m *C#m/B* *A2*

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus *B* *(E)* *Fine* *A2* *E* *Bsus* *B*

jus - tice and joy!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please feel free to go to any and all of the five Communion Table stations at different parts of the sanctuary decorated to represent distinct cultures from around the world. Here you will find bread from each culture along with a gluten-free option. Please take your time and explore the different tables and taste the different breads from around the world. Whenever you are finished exploring the tables and you have received the bread and juice, please return to your seat.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Enid Blount Press, clarinet
Allegretto Camille Saint-Saëns

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Reverend Carla Dietz

One: Wisdom of Christ, you have gathered us to this meal to be loved and fed, nourished and refreshed,

All: Like Eve, Miriam, Deborah and Esther

One: you now send us out to witness to your ongoing revelation.

All: Like Sarah, Elizabeth, Martha and Lydia,

One: you now send us out to extend your love and hospitality to all.

All: Like Rachel, Ruth, Mary, and Mary Magdalene,

One: you now send us out to be god-bearers.

All: Like Hagar, Tamar, the Samaritan Woman, and Lois

One: you now send us out to be builders of your great kin-dom.
Amen.**

ANTHEM The Chancel Choir
Hine ma tov Arr. Allan Kaplan
Enid Blount Press, clarinet

*** COMMISSIONING** Reverend Carla Dietz
Reverend Patrick Collins
Rosemary Lamie

One: With gladness, we continue to build God's house.
We do not go alone in this journey of building up.
We go with a great cloud of witness, our sisters, our brothers,
the prophets, and the saints.

All: We do so in the name of The Creator, The Son and The Holy Spirit, Amen!

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in honor of a wonderful father's birthday, Francis P. Lucier, by his daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters, Nanette, Fred, Mariel and Tessa Laffan.

A special thank you to the below families for beautifully decorating the communion tables with personal and memorable items from their homes:

Marianne and Anders Ekernas
Hanna, Vasil and Matthew Golodinskii
Erlinda and Larry Haviland
Fred, Nanette, Mariel and Tessa Laffan
Pat and Tad Larrabee
Mario, Marcus and Francesca Lotufo
Nishani Naidoo, Vip, Kareena and Devan Kumar
Leanne and Kip Meyer
Wendy and Harlan Reynolds
Inge Thalheim
Peg and Barry Wentworth

A Note about Welcoming Children

To our 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 the back of the chapel with a rug and a few quiet play things. Chairs and rocking chairs are 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

Today is World Communion Sunday and worship will have several special elements, so our children including 3 and 4 year olds are in worship for the experience. Child Care is the Preschool Red Door. Church School resumes next Sunday, October 14.

Quarterly Informational Meeting of Members Today

Please join the Church Council for a Quarterly Informational Meeting of Members in the Auditorium following worship. Get some refreshments and greet friends before beginning the informal meeting around 11:15. Hear the latest church news, ask questions and offer your input to church leadership.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations during Community Hour, following today's worship service. During the week she is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 821.

UPCOMING

Interested in Learning About Joining First Church?

Our next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 11:20 am in the Senior Pastor's office. It will last approximately an hour and a half and will include lunch. During the class, prospective new members will have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and our

church. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. New members will then be received on Sunday, October 28. Child care will be provided at both times. Please feel welcome to join us. If you are planning to attend, or you have questions, please contact Ginny Breismeister at ginnyb@fccog.org or 203 637-1791 x 826.

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 20

5 pm – 6 pm: Volunteer Set-up and Trunk Decorating

6 pm– 8 pm: Trunk or Treat Activities for All Ages

We need church members of all ages to come decorate their open car trunks, hand out treats, and be part of this fun family festivity. If you volunteer to decorate your trunk, we will treat you to dinner. Want to get involved? Email Patrick or Rosemary for more information or to sign-up. Let's get Halloween started with a great party! There will be something for everyone. Food trucks, cemetery tours, dancing in the Auditorium, and a contest for the best decorated trunk.

Bible Study Class with Rev. Carla Dietz

Come join in on a rousing weekly conversation on the Bible readings of the week. This is a 'no holds barred' kind of group where everyone's voice matters. Classes take place on Wednesdays at 11 am in the Pastor's Office. (This is a change from Thursdays to accommodate Hats Off members.)

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

October Reminder: The Best Little Halloween Shoppe in town is open and ready for all the little goblins and witches—which also includes big goblins and witches! The Halloween section is restocked daily with costumes galore! Besides great costumes, there are also many decorations. Don't wait too long, however, as the selections go quickly. And be sure and look at the decorated Halloween windows as you enter the Rummage Room.

Shopping Hours: 10 am to 5 pm daily and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.

Donation Hours: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday, & Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Please do not leave donations when the Rummage Room is closed. Thank you.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Winter coats for all; men's ties; handbags.

Thought for the Day: "The melting pot; the land of the free; the diversity we are so proud of makes bullying impossible to stop. Because it isn't about the victim, it's about the Bully. Bullies are broken too." Valentina Ruiz-Jimenez

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, October 14
Stewardship Sunday**

Reverend Patrick Collins, preaching

Music by the Chancel Choir
Down to the River to Pray—Arr. Robert Lee

Music by the Children's Choir
Everywhere I Go—Natalie Sleeth



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