

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Second Sunday after Epiphany
20 January 2019
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 in the auditorium after worship for our Community Hour.

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

PRELUDE
Jesus, Take My Hand

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano
Calvin Taylor

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

Reverend Patrick Collins

*** HYMN**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my
heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

Fine

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Every Time I Feel the Spirit'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.' The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and the third system is labeled 'Fine'.

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
 2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the
 mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
 bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this
to Refrain
 fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
 track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

(Or Invocation. We call on God for help & presence. We call on the living God who has made a covenant with us through Jesus the Christ)

RISE TOGETHER

MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION: I HAVE A DREAM

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

I Dream a World

Andre Thomas (b. 1952)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Joe McBride

Psalm 80: 3-19

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches;
 it sent out its branches to the sea,
 and its shoots to the River.
 Why then have you broken down its walls,
 so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
 The boar from the forest ravages it,
 and all that move in the field feed on it.
 Turn again, O God of hosts;
 look down from heaven, and see;
 have regard for this vine,
 the stock that your right hand planted.
 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
 may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
 the one whom you made strong for yourself.
 Then we will never turn back from you;
 give us life, and we will call on your name.
 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.

– New Revised Standard Version

*** HYMN**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

SOLO

Hanna Golodinskii

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

The image shows a musical score for a solo. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

SOLO

Thomas Woodman

There Is a Balm in Gilead

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Praise for who God is, with thanksgiving for what God does and with requests for God to heal, transform, renew us and help us work out the complications of our lives.)

Leader: Holy God, we refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us. May we hear your voice in the stillness of the night, in the clatter of day. You call us, and we respond, Here I am! May we follow you.

People: **May we love as you love.**

Leader: Holy One, we refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war and injustice. Through trials and turbulence make our hands steady, holding strong the fragile and weak.

People: **May we love as you love.**

Leader: Gracious God, we believe those around us truly are our brothers and sisters. May the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry, clothing for the naked and shelter for the homeless.

People: **May we love as you love.**

Leader: God of justice, we believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed. Remove the barriers of our lives that keep us from one another. Remove the barriers we construct based on skin color, religion and gender. May we hear and follow.

People: **May we love as you love.**

Leader: Loving God, we believe we can overcome oppression and violence in all forms. Take this day our fears our worries and distractions. Turn them into grace and mercy following the example of Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your Saints,

People: **May we love as you love.**

SOLO

Eye Is on the Sparrow

Daniel Young

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 10: 26-30

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

– New Revised Standard Version

HYMN

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry, to
 5 God be the glo - ry for the things he has done. With his
 9 blood he has saved me, with his pow'r he has raised me, to
 13 God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Patrick Collins and
Dr. Craig Scott Symons

*** HYMN**

Amen, Amen

All
 A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a -

Leader **F**

1 See the lit-tle ba-by ly-ing in a man-ger on
 2 See him at the tem-ple talk-ing to the el-ders; how they
 3 See him at the sea-side preach-ing and heal-ing the
 4 See him in the gar-den pray-ing to his Fa-ther in
 5 Then they cru-ci-fied him, Je-sus our Sav-ior, and he

All

men. A - men, a -

Gm F Gm F C7 F

Christ - mas morn - ing.
 mar-veled at his wis - dom.
 blind and fee - ble.
 deep - est sor - row.
 rose on Eas - ter.

Last time

men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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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 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 is there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermon recordings are also available.

NEWS AND NOTICES

TODAY

Church School

The Church School will participate in the special Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend worship service today. Child Care is available in the Preschool Red Door classroom. Regular Church School classes resume next Sunday.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week, she is available by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 821.

Caring Ministries – Coffee hour today

Please visit the Caring Ministries table at coffee hour to see all our activities.

- Soup for the Soul
- Prayer shawl knitting
- First Church's prayer group
- Card ministry – adults and children
- Visiting committee (visiting and flower delivery)

- Wellness committee
- Caregiver support group

UPCOMING

Announcing the 2019 “Souper Bowl” Sunday Soup Sale

Calling all cooks! It’s time to show-off your soup-making skills once again by volunteering to make and donate a quart (or quarts) of soup or chili to benefit the FCCOG Women’s Fellowship! The sale will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, February 3, 2019 from 11 am to 1 pm. Quarts of homemade soup and chili will be sold for \$10 each. Please sign up to donate after church in the auditorium beginning Sunday, January 6th and continuing for the next several Sundays. Restaurant-style food containers will be available when you sign up. You may also sign up in the church office. This annual event has proven to be easy, inexpensive and popular for both those who love to cook and those who love to eat! This is the only Women’s Fellowship fundraiser for the year. Please contact Sue Wilder at swilder102@gmail.com or Jenny Gartner at jenniferhgartner@gmail.com for more information.

Cooking Soup for Soup Sale

Members of the Women’s Fellowship will be gathering at the home of Ginny Breismeister on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 pm. We will be making soup for the Women’s Fellowship fundraiser “Souper Bowl Soup Sale. We will have all the ingredients for the soup. Please bring your beverage of choice and perhaps an appetizer to share. All are welcome, come for a fun evening of cooking, talking and laughter.

News from the Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, January 21: Good winter clothing is available for adults and children—coats, warm sweaters, gloves, hats, boots, and more! Good selections are also available in shoes, jewelry, baby clothing, books, dinnerware, handbags, and many other categories. Winter is just getting started—be ready!

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: Valentine items; good handbags; jewelry; spring clothing for adults, children, and infants.

Mission Objective: Proceeds from The Rummage Room are distributed by the Allocations Committee of Women's Fellowship to organizations who support women's, children's, and families in need throughout the world.

In the Words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: Hatred paralyzes life; Love releases it. Hatred confuses life; Love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens Life; Love illuminates it.

Help Our Refugees

Our sponsored refugee family needs a car. Although they ride on the bus and the train, having a car would make it possible for them to go where ever they wish and to grocery shop without lugging groceries onto the bus and walking home with them from the bus stop. Task Force members have been providing rides to the grocery store and other out of the way places, but this cannot continue indefinitely. The family needs to be independent. They need a used vehicle in good condition that will seat five or six people. Qasim has a driver's license so he can take the family on errands or drive to work. If you would like to give them a car, please contact Mary Ferry at ferry600@gmail.com. Zahra, who is a skilled seamstress, is underemployed. She has part time employment at a high end dressmaker in Greenwich, but it varies with the season from almost nothing right now to 4 days a week in peak season. If you know of a small business or dress shop that needs help. please contact Jean Bruder at gfb Bruder1@verizon.net.



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