

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*  
*Founded in 1665*



What's That Smell?

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2019**  
**10 am**

**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. Please join us in the auditorium after worship for our Community Hour.

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*Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

### PRELUDE

*Monologue and Fugue*

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, *Organist*  
Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

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

Reverend Patrick Collins

### CALL TO THE LENTEN PROJECT

Libby Craig

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Day by Day*

The Cherub Choir  
Stephen Schwartz  
Carol Woodman, *director*  
Andrea Osker, *ukulele*  
Debbie Berner, *piano*

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Reverend Patrick Collins

**Leader:** Do not remember the ways of the past;

**People:** **Do not consider the things of old.**

**Leader:** For God is about to do a new thing;

**People:** **It is springing up all around us!**

**Leader:** God will make a way through the wilderness;

**People:** **God will lead us through the deserted places.**

**Leader:** Come, follow Christ, who is leading us into new life;

**People:** **Come, worship God, whose presence is with us always!**

### HYMN\*

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

New Century (Black) Hymnal 43

### GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Reverend Avery C. Manchester

**Loving God, how lavishly you pour out the costly gift of your grace upon us. Fill our homes and our lives with the fragrance of your love, so that we may show your glory and serve your people. Open our hearts to be transformed during this time of worship to the new thing you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all. Amen.**

*\*All who care to, please rise in body or spirit.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nolan Anthony Kurczewski, son of Krista Lyn Kurczewski

### BAPTISMAL 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 NOLAN that you will watch over him and guide him as he 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.

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*All children will be dismissed now to Church School.*

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### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

New Century (Black) Hymnal 188

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

### FIRST LESSON

Helen Ingraham

***Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV)***

Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

## ANTHEM

*Sicut cervus*

The Chancel Choir  
G. Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As a hart longs for the flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for thee, O God.

## SECOND LESSON

***John 12:1-8 (CEB)***

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

## MESSAGE

***What's That Smell?***

Reverend Patrick Collins

*\*All who care to, please rise in body or spirit.*

## HYMN\*

New Century (Black) Hymnal 536

*Savior, An Offering Costly and Sweet*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Avery C. Manchester

*(praise for who God is, with thanksgiving for what God does and with requests for God to heal, transform)*

## CALL TO OFFERING

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Adagio*

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread [note, all our bread is gluten-free] as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup [grape juice] until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.)*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in this power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## HYMN\*

New Century (Black) Hymnal 460

*Be Not Dismayed*

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*\*All who care to, please rise in body or spirit.*

*Flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in celebration of the baptism of Nolan Anthony Kurczewski by his family and in loving memory of Juanita and Dick Shaw by Debby and Jay Shaw.*

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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.*

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### **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](http://www.fccog.org). A bulletin is there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermon recordings are also available.

## NEWS & NOTICES

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### TODAY



#### Church School

Regular Church School for all grades

- Child Care in Preschool Red Door
- 3- & 4-year olds in Purple Door
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in Rainbow Door
- 2nd Grade in Gold Door
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade in Blue Door
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades in Green Door
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade in Rick's Room



#### Choir Rehearsals Today

**Cherub Choir:** Rainbow Room (Lower Level) 11:15-11:45

**Children's Choir:** Music Room (3rd floor) 11:15-12:00

**Youth Choir:** Choir Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) 11:15-12:15

### TODAY! QUARTERLY MEETING OF MEMBERS

#### In the Auditorium directly following the service

Grab a cup of coffee and come hear about the Outreach opportunities for Service Sunday on April 28th, as well as a recap of our Capital Campaign and Building & Grounds expenditures and an update from the Senior Pastor Search Committee.



#### 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 by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.

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### UPCOMING



**The Hobart and William Smith Colleges Chorale** under the direction of Dr. Robert Cowles will present a concert as part of its annual spring tour at First Congregational Church of Greenwich on **Monday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.**

The program will include choral works by Clément Janequin, Thomas Tomkins, Heinrich Schütz, Paul John Rudoj, Eric Whitacre, and more. In



addition, the chamber ensemble Cantori will perform a newly commissioned work by Alex Freeman. The concert is free and open to the public; donations will be gratefully accepted.



### **Community Lenten Dinners**

Our sixth and last Lenten Dinner is scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday. The theme is "*Every Table is an Altar*" with Patrick Collins as coordinator of the event.

Please look for the sign-up posters for all the FREE Lenten Dinners (hallways and church office).

**Date: Wednesday, April 10th**

**Time and location: 6 pm in the Church Auditorium**

Please contact Patrick at [patrickc@fccog.org](mailto:patrickc@fccog.org) or Carla at [carlad@fccog.org](mailto:carlad@fccog.org) or call 203 637-1791 to sign-up by phone or email.



***The Annual Christmas Tree Sale*** is one of the highlights of the church year involving over 110 volunteers and raising significant sums for local charities (\$32,000 in 2018). Our volunteers are enthusiastic and committed, but we need a couple of coordinators to insure that everything runs smoothly.

Plans are underway to form a ***Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale Committee***. We are looking for 2 Co-Chairs who will:

1. Focus on overall organization, volunteer recruitment, communications, finances and partner relations, and
2. Oversee the weekend operation of the tree sale, including coordinating with shift captains on logistics and selling.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pat Mendelsohn 203-5773 or [patmendelsohn@aol.com](mailto:patmendelsohn@aol.com).



**Maundy Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Vegetable and lemon chicken soups will be served.

Please bring a side dish for 8-10 people.

**Solemn Service at 7:00 pm** with childcare provided.

## The Lenten Offering 2019

Join us on "**Service Sunday**" on **April 28th** beginning at the 10 am service. Members and guests of the church will be invited to serve on one of three projects:



Join in an assembly-line meal-packaging event in the Auditorium. In less than two hours, we will put together 10,000 highly nutritious dehydrated meals, which will be sent to people in need around the world through **Rise Against Hunger** ([www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)).



**Greenwich**  
Community Gardens

Pitch in with spring-cleaning at **the Greenwich Community Garden** and prepare beds for 2019 growing season. Produce from the Community Garden provides fresh food for hundreds of Greenwich residents.



Calling all junior gardeners! Participate in a Spring Clean-up and Planting at **Pilgrim Towers**, the Low-Income Senior Living Facility in Stamford founded by First Church and other churches. Bring your gardening gloves and roll up your sleeves for this hands-on project.  
**Sign-up through the Church Office or our website [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)**

*Women's*  
FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship members are invited to visit the Marquand Chapel at **Yale Divinity School** for a tour and lunch on **Wednesday, April 24**. Look for details and sign up information coming soon!  
**9 spots still available.**



**Raffle tickets** for the Women's Fellowship Annual Quilt will be on sale today and next Sunday after church. We will be back selling after Easter. Tickets are \$5 each and check or cash is accepted. Look for the quilt on display in the auditorium. All proceeds benefit local, national and international charities that support women and children.



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## SPRINGTIME NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

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### RUMMAGE ROOM VOLUNTEERS BREAKFAST

**When: Thursday, April 25, 9-11am**

**Where: Church Auditorium**



Sgt. John Thorme, Town of Greenwich, will speak on the topic, "*Situational Awareness*".

Please RSVP at the Rummage Room or by contacting Ginny Breismeister at [GinnyB@fccog.org](mailto:GinnyB@fccog.org) or 203-637-1791.  
We hope to see you there!

#### **Shop hours**

Monday - Friday 10-5  
Saturday 10-1

#### **Donation hours**

Friday and Saturday 9.30-12.30  
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As the weather is changing and it's slowly getting warmer, it's time to clear out those closets. Our donation bins are looking a little empty. Please think of us when you change your wardrobe to spring.

#### **Manager Leanne's wish list:**

Men's ties, handbags and records (vinyls)

*"That is one good thing about this world - There are always sure to be more springs."*

– L.M. Montgomery



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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Minister of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration and Finance: Steve Summerton

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

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