

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Founded in 1665

A hand holding a white Easter egg against a blue background with white confetti.

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019
9:00 am & 11:00 am

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6

First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open
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.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

INTROIT

In the Darkness of the Morning

Adam L. Tice (b. 1979)

Linnea Conley

EASTER PROCESSIONAL

Solemn Procession

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Organ & Brass

HYMN*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arr. S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me!
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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

GATHERING PRAYER

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

Reverend Carla Dietz gam
Reverend Patrick Collins 11am

EASTER GREETING

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Reverend Patrick Collins 11am

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1, 11-18

Albert Primo gam
Pat Larrabee 11am

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

EASTER MEDITATION

Reverend Carla Dietz gam
Reverend Patrick Collins 11am

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ANTHEM

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

The Chancel Choir
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

EASTER MEDITATION

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Reverend Patrick Collins 11am

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Rises

The Chancel Choir Quartet
French Noël, 15th Century
Hanna Golodinskii, Linnea Conley
Daniel Young, Thomas Woodman

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HYMN*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Arr. James Biery (b. 1956)

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

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4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Avery C. Manchester

LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

For online offerings, please text FCCOG Donate to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Most Glorious Lord of Life

The Chancel Choir
John Rutter (b. 1945)
Hanna Golodinskii, *soprano*

DOXOLOGY*

(Offering praise and thanksgiving for meeting our needs and for using us to bring God's mission to the world.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

HYMN*

Arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. (***Refrain***)
3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. (***Refrain***)

BENEDICTION*

EASTER RESPONSE*

(Music found in the pews – please return them to the rack after use)

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel
Congregation, Choir
Organ, Brass, Timpani

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Organ and Brass

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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.

Guest Musicians:

Trumpet 1: Anthony Gorusso

Trombone 2: Cliff Haynes

Trumpet 2: Jim Cifelli

Percussion: Eric Phinney

Trombone 1: Steve Shulman

Organ: Eric Birk

Easter Procession Participants:

9am Service

Robbie Finch

Darin Jacks

Emma Olmsted

Jennie Olmsted

Lara Olmsted

Madeleine Phillips

Tyler Quake

John Russell

Anna Weiksner

George Weiksner

11am Service

Pierson Delcristo

Kelsey Fong

Kody Fong

Tyler Fong

Max Kreuger

John Romano

Ellen Romano

Kendall Schrohe

Charles Schrohe

Kate Wentworth

The decorations in the Meetinghouse and the brass during these festival services are given in joyful and loving memory of:

- ◆ *Roger A. Lepoutre by the Lepoutre Family. Our thanks to those who will be making the Sanctuary & Church beautiful this Easter Sunday April 21st 2019.*
- ◆ *Marian and Fred Hout by Sue Hout Baker and Sara, Charlie and Liz.*
- ◆ *Jeanette and Lars Stenberg by Linnea Stenberg*
- ◆ *Our parents Purisima and Feliciano Teria and Louise and Richard Haviland by Erlinda and Larry Haviland*
- ◆ *Connie Stack by her daughter Heather, Jeff, Ainsley, Tommy and Maya Sahrbeck*
- ◆ *Robert Lee Liddel by Virginia Liddel*
- ◆ *Earl S. Moore Jr. by his family*
- ◆ *Joan and Jim Kreuter by their children and grandchildren*
- ◆ *Charlie and Bill Robertson by Eric and Betsy Kreuter*
- ◆ *John and Betty Briggs by the Kreuter family*

- ◆ *Richmond B. Hopkins by his children and grandchildren*
- ◆ *Charles J. Veith IV by his sister, Linda Veith Glover*
- ◆ *Joan Denne by her family*
- ◆ *Anne, Bill and Sue Denne by their family*
- ◆ *Harrison and Louise Reed by their son Gifford and Ruth Reed and family*
- ◆ *Our parents by Lile and John Gibbons*
- ◆ *Michel Kramer-Metraux and Curvin G. O’Rielly, Jr. by their Families*
- ◆ *James R. Berger by his family*
- ◆ *Dr. Sheldon V. Smith, Reverend W. Robert Wentworth and Uncle Sheldon (Shelty) Smith by Abby, Claire and Philip Wentworth*
- ◆ *Joyce and Robert Turvey and Angela Wyman by Helen Ingraham and family*
- ◆ *Melita and John Magness and Dana Andersen by their family*
- ◆ *Robert Ellinwood Alden by his family*
- ◆ *Our parents Robert and Anna Maclea and Elmer and Nadean Hirth by Robert and Carolyn Maclea*
- ◆ *Phyllis Kimball, wonderful mom to Karen Pacent and Nana to Nicole and Kim*
- ◆ *Stephen Lane Clark, Clara Lane Clark, Molly Clark Zimmerman and William Bradbury Clark by Thomas Bradbury Clark and daughters*
- ◆ *Marilyn Gaudet and Caroline Gaudet by Gigi Gaudet and Scott and Caroline*
- ◆ *Paul G. Hudson and George Finch by the Hudson and Finch Families*
- ◆ *Efraine and Victoria Olson, Ryan and Margaret Rosendale and Erna Nelson by Ken and Erna Olson*
- ◆ *Catherine G. and Arthur G. Weigner by their sons Stephen and Ronald Weigner*
- ◆ *Carol C. Sweger by her family*
- ◆ *My father Eric and and my sister Susan Robertson by Lynn Robertson*
- ◆ *Kimberly Pacent forever loved by her mom, dad and sister*
- ◆ *Mildred and Gerald Mulhall by the Ghaffari Family*

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- ◆ *Our grandchildren Finn, June, Gunther, Alta and Foster Breismeister by Ginny and Don Breismeister*

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.



All services are now livestreamed on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Enter "https://bit.ly/2Dfm3o8" or "First Congregational Church of Greenwich" into the keyword search field and subscribe to our channel.

NEWS & NOTICES

TODAY



CHURCH SCHOOL

There are NO church school classes today so that we may all celebrate Easter Sunday together. Child Care is available as always in the Preschool Red Door.



LAST DAY TO REGISTER TODAY!

The Rummage Room Volunteers Breakfast

Thursday, April 25th from 9 - 11 am in the Church Auditorium. Please RSVP at the Rummage Room.



Raffle tickets for the Women's Fellowship Annual Quilt will be on sale today after church. Tickets are \$5 each and check or cash is accepted. Look for the quilt on display at the Rummage Room where tickets are sold. Tickets are also on sale at the **Nimble Thimble in Port Chester**, just over the state line. All proceeds benefit local, national and international charities that support women and children.

UPCOMING

THE LENTEN OFFERING 2019

Join us on "**Service Sunday**" on **April 28th** beginning at the 10 am service. Please sign-up through the Church Office or our website www.fccog.org:



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).



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.



The final concert of the season is on Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the First Church Auditorium with **Brian Giebler, tenor, and Steven McGhee, piano**. They have been friends and musical collaborators since meeting as students at the University of Michigan in 2010. After their 2012 performance of Ivor Gurney's piano quintet arrangement of Ludlow and Teme in Ann Arbor, the pair have wanted a chance to return to the work. Together, they have created **At a Loss of Innocence**, a song recital featuring works by Gurney and Benjamin Britten, centered on the theme of enjoying life, love, and youth while one can, before it fades. A free will offering will be received.



Women's Fellowship members are invited to the **Annual Meeting and Luncheon** on May 15th from 11:30 to 1:30 in the auditorium. Advance payment of \$15 is requested and done one of the following ways:



- (1) on-line by visiting the **Upcoming Events** page of the church website;
- (2) by check, payable to **Women's Fellowship**, sent/brought to the Church Office by May 10th.

There will be a business meeting with an overview of 2018-19 Women's Fellowship activities and votes on Charitable Allocations and the 2019-20 slate. We will also hear speakers from two of the recipient agencies. The winning ticket for the 49th Annual Quilt Raffle will be drawn at 1pm.

NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM FOR EASTER

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday is Earth Day... and The Rummage Room is always involved with this day. Everything in the shop is gently recycled, and what the Rummage Room doesn't use is passed on to other organizations in need. If you have never visited The Rummage Room ... you have been missing a treat. From the award-winning windows to the back of the storeroom, the shop is packed with treasures ranging from necessities to designer clothing for Women, Men and Children.

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Spring Shoes, Men's Shirts, Electronics

Shop hours

Monday - Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-1pm

Donation hours

Monday - Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm
Friday and Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm



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