

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



**Sunday, June 16, 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 our service of worship at First Church of Greenwich.  
Please join us in the lounge or outside (weather permitting)  
after worship for our Community Hour.

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*At Seaside Garden*

## PRELUDE

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Carla Dietz

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

## CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Car Westbrook, *Church Clerk*

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- To hear the Annual Reports of the Pastors, Officers, Committees, Organizations and Departments;
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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Reverend Carla Dietz

One: Maker of the universe; Savior of the world, Spirit of truth:

**All: All creation praises your name!**

One: Mountains grand and beautiful, purple and snowcapped, ancient and new.

**All: All creation praises your name!**

One: Heavens: star studded, sun glowing, moon shining.

**All: All creation praises your name!**

One: Animals: blue whale and minnow, eagle and kangaroo, sheep and cattle.

**All: All creation praises your name!**

One: People: young and old, gentle and mighty, small and great.

**All: All creation praises your name!**

One: Let all creation come and worship God!

## INTROIT

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

# HYMN\*

## Gather Us In

Marty Haugen



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Reverend Patrick Collins

**Creating God, we come to celebrate your creation. Healing Jesus, we come to be renewed in you. Dancing Spirit, we come to live by your rhythm. May we find time enough to gaze at the heavens, and silence enough to wonder at the handiwork of love and grace enough to find ourselves bound together by your hands. Creator, healer, dancer, we come to praise and live with you in community. Amen.**

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## BAPTISM

Reverend Patrick Collins

Keira Channing Molloy, daughter of Marcelyn and Kevin Molloy

## PRESENTATION OF CUB SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

### 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.

### REFLECTION PRAYER

*(When we admit that we have not always been our best. It's a chance to unburden our hearts)*

One: Great God, your wonder wraps the world and the echo of glory stretches to the heavens.

**All: We pause to reflect** *(silence is held)*

One: Your glory fills the throats of laughing children.

**All: We pause to reflect on times when our words bring tears rather than laughter.**

One: No enemy is stronger than you. Your love is stronger than all hatred.

**All: We pause to reflect on times when we have chosen hatred before love.**

One: The heavens overflow with majesty. The skies shimmer with glory.  
What are we compared to all that?

**All: We pause to reflect on times when we have lost our sense of place and worth.**

One: We resonate with the whole wonder of love, in all its ambiguity.

**All: We pause to reflect on times when we love power over wonder.**

One: You have ordained humanity to engage in justice with everything you handcrafted.

**All: We pause to reflect on times when justice has become injustice and engagement has become lauding.**

One: From everything that walks to everything that swims, from everything that slithers to everything that flies.

**All: We pause to reflect on the relationship we have with the world.**

One: God, your glory is witnessed throughout all creation.

**All: We pause to reflect on being witnesses to that glory again, in your name.** *(time for silent reflection)*

## WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

### FIRST LESSON

Bill DeHaven

#### *Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31*

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

### ANTHEM

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

The Summer Choir  
John Rutter (b. 1945)

# GOSPEL

## John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

# MESSAGE

Reverend Carla Dietz

## Wisdom Calls It

# HYMN\*

## Draw the Circle Wide

*♩ = 132*

Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our\_

song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide. wide.

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en-com-pass  
 3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Carla Dietz

## CALL TO OFFERING

Using a Smartphone? Text *FCCOG Donate* to 73256 or scan this code:



Pat Larrabee

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

The Summer Choir  
Arr. Mark Schweizer (b. 1956)

## DOXOLOGY\*

*(offering praise and thanksgiving for meeting our needs and for using us to bring God's mission to the world. Feel free to rise and sing a version familiar to you or this)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above the heavenly host;  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*

## HYMN\*

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*Julian B. Rush*

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -  
chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

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*Refrain*

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung,  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

## BENEDICTION\*

## CHORAL RESPONSE

The Summer Choir

## POSTLUDE

*Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain 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.

If you are interested, we do have child care available for babies and toddlers in the preschool classrooms every Sunday for the entirety of the worship service.



### 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 at [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.



All services are now live-streamed on **YouTube.com**. Search for First Congregational Church of Greenwich and subscribe to our channel.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### TODAY

#### Parish Nurse



Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office just outside the Auditorium stage on the right. During the week, she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.

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### UPCOMING

#### 8am Beach Worship Services start next week!

Sunday June 23 marks the start of our 8 am Beach Services at Greenwich Point near the Innis Arden Cottage. All you need is your own chair. We hope to see you there!

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## NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

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### SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY!

Thanks to our many customers who shopped at The Rummage Room for the many good buys these past few weeks. The inventory for men's clothing was great and we are thankful to those who donated the wonderful clothing for Father's Day.

### Manager Leanne's Wish List:

Fall items (we're stocking up for our re-opening); Handbags. Clothing and Shoes

### Shop Hours:

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

### Donations accepted:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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## UPDATE ON LENTEN PROJECT

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***Rise Against Hunger*** has notified us about the destination of the 10,200 meals we packaged on 4/28/2019. A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals, has been sent to El Salvador to their partner ***Convoy of Hope***.

***Convoy of Hope*** is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in El Salvador. To learn more, visit ***Rise Against Hunger's*** partner/country spotlight on the *Impact Stories* tab and click and drag on the World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.



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Minister of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

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