

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

## **When Love Comes to Town**



**Sunday, July 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 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

## PRELUDE

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

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

## SOLO

*Lady of the Harbor*

Linnea Conley, soprano

Lee Hoiby (1926-2011)

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Reverend Patrick Collins

Leader: We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.

People: **We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

Leader: We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

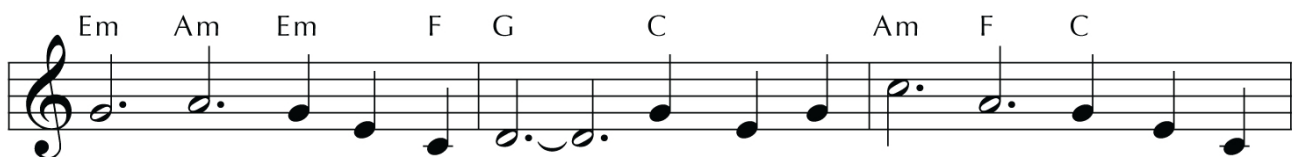
People: **Come, let us worship!**

## OPENING HYMN\*

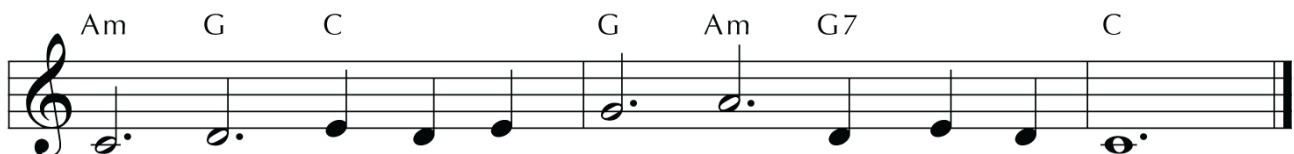
*Morning Has Broken*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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

## **GATHERING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

Reverend Carla Dietz

O God, you are a God of Life to us. You show yourself as our source of compassion as we struggle for whole relationships in the home, our communities, our nation and our world. We recognize your presence among us in our life and worship, and ask your gentle spirit to constantly open our hearts to the ways of justice and peace. We ask all of this in your name, because you alone are holy, our true justice and peace. In your name we pray as Jesus taught us.

## **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.

## **FIRST LESSON**

### ***Galatians 6: 1-6 (The Message)***

Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. *You* might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have and experience.

## **SOLO**

### ***Let Us Be Bread***

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

Thomas Porter (b. 1958)

## **SECOND LESSON**

### ***Luke 10-1-11***

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever

you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.'

**MESSAGE**

Reverend Patrick Collins

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**HYMN\***

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

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

un - der - stood, as to un - der - stand, to be  
loved, as to love, with all my soul.

*to Stanza 4*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Carla Dietz

## CALL TO OFFERING

Lynn Robertson

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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Go Forth into the World*

The Summer Choir  
Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

## DOXOLOGY\*

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

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\*

Lynn Robertson

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF INSTITUTION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Today's communion will be by intinction. Congregants are invited to come forward down the center aisle to one of the communion stations at the front, receive the bread (gluten-free), dip in the cup and partake. Those who need to stay in the chair should indicate their need to be served there to one of the ushers or greeters. Someone will come to serve you.)*

### UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people. We give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this sacrament and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.**

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

## HYMN\*

### *My Country 'tis of Thee*

1. My country tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died! Land of the pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side, let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free, thy name I love.  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture fills like that above.
3. Our father's God to, Thee,  
Author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, great God, our king!

## BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Patrick Collins

## POSTLUDE

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*Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain to assist in any 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. 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 14.90 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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### **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.



The Welcoming Committee is pleased to invite everyone to the First Church Bring-Your-Own Picnic at the Beach! Pack a picnic dinner and beverages – Dessert is on us! We will gather at the Clambake area from 5-8PM on Thursday, July 18. Bring a friend and come for some fun and games!

This is an opportunity for those who do not live in Greenwich to enjoy our beautiful Greenwich Point. Tell the gatekeeper that you are there for the First Church Picnic. Singles, couples, families are welcome. Sign up at Community Hour, in the Church office or on the church website at MYFIRSTCHURCH.

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## NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

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The Rummage Room will close on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am.

Bag Sale Week is Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> with EVERYTHING 50% off!  
Then Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, \$15 a bag; August 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$10 a bag and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$2 a bag.  
We will celebrate our 'Grand Reopening' with all new merchandise on September 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
Manager Leanne and Staff wishes All a Happy and Safe Summer for all!

***Please do not leave donations while the shop is closed.***

### **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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Ministers: The members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Reverend Avery C. Manchester

Minister of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

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Director of Church Administration and Finance: Steve Summerton

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