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BROADWAY *in Church*

*Featuring The Chancel Choir, The Youth Choir,
Soloists, and Congregational Participation.*

A gathering of voices celebrating music
that connects us on a spiritual level
with the Broadway stage.

Sunday, September 29, 2019
10 am

First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming 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 Auditorium after worship for our Community Hour.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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A Worship of Words and Song in Three Acts

Welcome

Reverend Carla Dietz

∞ ACT I ∞

Congregational Song

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (from Godspell 1971)

Stephen Schwartz

Pre - - pare ye the way of the Lord;
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A Reading on Giving Thanks

Reverend Carla Dietz

God bless A - mer - i - ca land that I love. Stand be-side her and
guide her through the night with the light from a - bove. From the
moun - tains to the prair - ies to the o - ceans white with foam;
God bless A - mer - i - ca; my home sweet home.

Congregational Song

God Bless America (from This Is The Army 1943)

Irving Berlin

Anthem

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor (from Miss Liberty 1949)

The Chancel Choir

Irving Berlin

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

Duet

For Good (from Wicked 2003)

Emma Olmsted & Lauren Mickley

Stephen Schwartz

ACT 2

Reflective Reading

(Adapted from Rabbi Fred Guttman & Catholic Relief Services christchurchnyc.org/prayer-in-a-time-of-peril/)

Reverend Avery C. Manchester

Solo

Bring Him Home (from Les Miserables 1980)

Daniel Young, tenor
Claude-Michel Schönberg

Anthem

Seize The Day (from Rent 1996)

Youth Choir
Jonathan Larson
Carolyn Paulus, director
Vance Briceland, piano

ACT 3

A Reading on Giving

Reverend Patrick Collins

Offertory Psalm

A Simple Song (from Mass 1971)

Carolyn Paulus, soprano
Leonard Bernstein

Congregational Song

You'll Never Walk Alone (from Carousel 1945)

R. Rodgers & O. Hammerstein

When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high, and don't be a -
fraid of the dark. At the end of the storm is a
gold - en sky, and the sweet sil - ver song of a lark.
Walk on, through the wind, walk on through the rain, though your
dreams be tossed and blown; walk on, walk
on, with hope in your heart, and you'll nev - er walk a -
lone. you'll nev - er walk a - lone.

Closing Prayer

Somewhere (from West Side Story 1957)

Leonard Bernstein
Carol Woodman, soprano
Thomas Woodman, bass

Epilogue

Make Our Garden Grow (from Candide 1956)

The Chancel Choir
Leonard Bernstein

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Barbara Sheaff Bedell by her family.

Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Meetinghouse to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.



A Note about Welcoming Children

To our parents: 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 parents 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 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. 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.

NEWS & NOTICES

Today

Church School

Baby and Toddler Room continues in the Preschool Red Door Classroom. 3's and 4's will be in the Blue Door. All other children will remain in the Meetinghouse with their families. During the service, please feel free to bring your preschool-aged children to the "PrayGround".

Church Choirs

Cherub Choir: 11:15 – 11:45 am, Rainbow Room (Lower level)

Children's Choir: 11:15 am – 12 pm, Music Room (3rd floor)

Youth Choir: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm, Choir Room (3rd floor)

Mindful Self-Compassion Workshop with Karen Pacent

Sept. 29, Oct. 23, 20 & 27, Nov. 17

11:15 am - 12:15 pm, Rick's Room

In this 6-part interactive series, you will learn skills to be more self-compassionate in daily life. Each week a new topic will be introduced with practices and exercises that allow you to experience the concepts first hand. You'll be encouraged to use practices taught during the week to gradually become more comfortable embedding them into your life.

UPCOMING

Thursday, October 3rd: Palmer Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15 – 7:15 pm in the Meetinghouse

Saturday, October 5th: Blessing of the Animals

11 am – 1 pm on the Church Front Lawn

Saturday, October 5th: the 3rd Silver Lake Award Celebration and Fundraiser

Honoring Reverend Susie and Brad Craig

6 – 9 pm at Brewport in Bridgeport, CT

\$50 tickets (tax-deductible) – Silent auction, Casual dinner, Cash bar

Saturday, October 26th: Trunk or Treat 2019!

Please email dalindar@fccog.org or patrickc@fccog.org for the link to sign up NOW!

Sunday, October 6th: First Congregational Church of Greenwich Quarterly Meeting

11 am – 12 pm in Auditorium

Saturday, October 19th: Connecticut Choral Festival at First Church

Starting at 1 pm, we will gather for a day-long rehearsal, meal, and evening concert. Our guest conductor will be Tom Trenney, Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. This festival is also sponsored by the United Church of Christ Musicians Association and the Fairfield West Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We currently have commitments from churches around CT, including Guilford, West Hartford, Stamford, New Canaan, and Greenwich. Email craig at cragis@fccog.org for more information.

Sunday, October 27th: Coffee with the Pastors

Would you like to learn more about First Church? Our next gathering of folks with an interest in First Church will be held on Sunday, October 27th at 11:15 am in the lounge. Child care will be provided.

RSVP to Ginny Breismeister (ginnyb@fccog.org) or call the church office at 203-637-1791 if you would like to attend this session, or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

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We've been busy at The Rummage Room this week. Halloween items will be in the store starting Monday the 30th September. If you're in need of a costume or Halloween decorations, stop by we have plenty of great items. Don't wait too long as our costumes sell really fast!

Manager Leanne's Wish List:

Fall and winter clothing for men, women and children

Shop Hours:

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

Donation Hours:

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



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