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And the welcome  
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And the arms  
will open wide  
to gather us in.  
And our hearts  
will open wide  
to receive.  
And we will come  
as children who trust  
there is enough.  
And we will come  
unhindered and free.  
And our aching  
will be met  
with bread.  
And our sorrow  
will be met  
with wine.  
And we will open our hands  
to the feast  
without shame.  
And we will turn  
toward each other  
without fear.  
And we will give up  
our appetite  
for despair.  
And we will taste  
and know  
of delight.  
And we will become bread  
for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink  
for those who thirst.  
And the blessed  
will become the blessing.  
And everywhere  
will be the feast.

## World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 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.*

Please let an usher know if you would like a Bible during the service.  
We are happy to provide one upon request.

*"World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse (like ours) or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith"\**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## World Communion Sunday

### PRELUDE

*Voluntary in D major*

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, *Organist*  
William Boyce (1711-1779)

### OPENING WORDS

*(please sign and pass the red fellowship pad found at the end of your row.)*

Youth

To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

“Come and eat! There’s more than enough for all!”

To those who are thirsty, He says:

“Come and drink! It’s free for the taking!

Stop wasting your money on food that doesn’t satisfy.

Come to Me, and you will find everything you need!”

### CHORAL INTROIT

### HYMN\*

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Pilgrim (Red) Hymnal #288

### CALL TO GIVE THANKS

Reverend Carla Dietz

One world, spinning freely, yet too often fractured and confined. We, too, often find ourselves broken, alone, feeling powerless. Remind us of the words written long ago to Timothy, encouraging him to rekindle his faith. Spark your fire within us, the fire that energizes and renews and brings new life to us and the world. As a Samaritan paused to give Jesus thanks, so we gather on this day – people from around the world – to celebrate Christ’s presence in our midst. We use bread from our culture, and from others, as a potent symbol that you, our God, are the God of all people, that your love reaches not only us, but others besides. Open us to listen to them. Open us to learn from them. Open us to be present for them not in patronizing and colonial ways but in loving, equal, and Christ-like ways.

**This day we take Communion with all the world** and in so doing declare that Christ is present for all people, challenging unjust systems with God’s challenge and promise. As we break bread and share a cup, may we remember the Christ present with us through all these years and across all this world, present with us as we rededicate ourselves to you. Amen.

### ANTHEM

*Siyahamba*

The Cherub Choir  
Traditional Zulu  
Carol Woodman, *director*  
Debbie Berner, *piano*

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

## AND THE TABLE WILL BE WIDE

*A Blessing for World Communion Sunday*

Reverend Patrick Collins

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– Jan Richardson

## HYMN\*

*As We Gather at Your Table*

New Century (Black) Hymnal #332

## PRESENTATION OF THE BREADS

Leader: These breads are symbols of the many different peoples within the family of God.

**All: 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 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.**

## ANTHEM

*A Repeating Alleluia*

The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

To your table you bid us come.  
You have set the places, you have poured the wine,  
and there is always room, you say, for one more.  
And so we come.  
From the streets and from the alleys we come.  
From the deserts and from the hills we come.

All Pastors  
Reverend Carla Dietz

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

From the ravages of poverty and Reverend Patrick Collins  
from the palaces of privilege, we come. Running, limping, carried, we come.  
We are bloodied with our wars, we are wearied with our wounds, we carry our dead within us,  
and we reckon with their ghosts. We hold the seeds of healing, we dream of a new creation,  
we know the things that make for peace, and we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to your table we come. Reverend Avery C. Manchester  
Hungering for your bread, we come; thirsting for your wine, we come;  
singing your song in every language, speaking your name in every tongue,  
in conflict and in communion, in discord and in desire, we come, O God of Wisdom, we come.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** Reverend Carla Dietz

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Reverend Patrick Collins

### **RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*(please feel free to go to any and all of the 6 Communion Tables at different parts of our Meetinghouse. Here you will find bread representing one of the 5 major continents of the world and a Gluten Free option. Whenever you are finished exploring the tables and you have received the bread and juice, please return to your seat.)*

**UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Reverend Avery C. Manchester  
**Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who have shared  
this heavenly food; All honor and glory be yours now and forever. Amen**

**SOLO** Hanna Golodinskii, *soprano*  
*I Love Thee* Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

**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)*

**HYMN\*** New Century (Black) Hymnal #397  
*Thank our God for Sisters, Brothers*

**BENEDICTION** All pastors

### **CONGREGATION**

**We go in the name of The Creator, The Son and The Holy Spirit, AMEN!**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

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

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

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**It will be Barbara Van Buren's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on October 11<sup>th</sup>!**  
*Please stop by the table at coffee hour to sign a birthday card for her!*

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**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 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 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



### Church School

***No Church School today! Resumes next Sunday.***

Baby and Toddler Room continues in the Preschool Red Door Classroom. During the service, please feel free to bring your preschool-age children to the "PrayGround" at the rear of the Church.



### Church Choirs

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

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



### First Congregational Church of Greenwich Quarterly Meeting

**When:** Today at 11:00 am (after service)

**Where:** Church Auditorium

### 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



### Connecticut Choral Festival at First Church

A new event this fall with guest conductor Tom Trenney, Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The day will end with a concert in the Meetinghouse.

**When:** Saturday, October 19

**Time:** 7:30 pm



### Would you like to learn more about First Church?

Folks with an interest in First Church are invited to have "Coffee with Pastors."

**When:** Sunday, October 27 at 11:15 am

**Where:** The lounge

Child care will be provided. RSVP to Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org) or call the church at 203-637-1791 x826.

### Women's Retreat

A time for faith formation, prayer, yoga, meditation labyrinth, fellowship, catching up with friends and making new ones.

Please RSVP Rosemary ([rosemaryl@fccog.org](mailto:rosemaryl@fccog.org)) or go to MYFIRSTCHURCH to sign up. Only a few spots left.

**When:** Saturday, November 2 - Sunday, November 3

**Where:** Stony Point Center, just over the Cuomo Bridge (Tappan Zee Bridge)

**Cost:** \$175 (meals included)

**Neighbor to Neighbor** Join your fellow church members on Saturday to stock the food pantry, sort and display clothing and linen contributions.

**October 19, 2019 / January 18, 2020 / March 21, 2020**

**Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am OR 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Location: Neighbor-To-Neighbor at Christ Church Greenwich**

Please email Rosemary ([rosemaryl@fccog.org](mailto:rosemaryl@fccog.org)) for more information or sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA4AB2FAAF58-neighbor2>



### 2019 Christmas Tree Sale

Mark these dates to lend a hand at this annual event that supports our Community Outreach programs. All proceeds benefit local charities.

**Weekends of: November 30 - December 1 AND December 7 - 8**

Contact Pat Mendelsohn at [patmendelsohn@aol.com](mailto:patmendelsohn@aol.com) for more information.

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## NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

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[www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room)

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Donations have been slow this past week. When the rainy days come next week, clear out that closet and donate. We have Halloween costumes for all and decorations as well.

### Manager Leanne's Wish List:

Winter Hats and Gloves, Ladies Handbags and Winter shoes

### Shop Hours:

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

### Donations accepted:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday & Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Ministers: The members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Interim Senior Pastor: Reverend Carla Dietz

Associate Pastor: Reverend Patrick Collins

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Reverend 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

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Director of Preschool: Darla Kohler Steiner

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