



In All Things, Love



Sunday, May 17, 2020
10:00 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.

*If you are virtually joining us this morning, we want to welcome you!
We hope this live stream finds you in good health.*

FIRST CHURCH CONNECTS WITH YOU DURING THE WEEK:

- Sunday: 10 am Worship – Live stream on [YouTube](#) or on radio at [WGCH](#) (actual radio stations are 1490 AM or 105.5 FM).
Download the bulletin [HERE](#) and join us and others in virtual fellowship.
- Monday: Music on Mondays (e-blast by Craig Symons)
- Wednesday: Wisdom on Wednesdays (e-blast by Rev. Patrick Collins)
- Thursday: Faith Formation at Home for All (e-blast by Rosemary Lamie, Director of Faith Formation)
- Friday: [Fridays on Facebook](#) (live @ 3:00 pm with Rev. Patrick Collins)

Please make sure your email is on our list of recipients. If you are not on our mailing list, send your address to dalindar@fccog.org. Thanks!

Please note: First Church remains closed until further notice. The Rummage Room is currently closed and will remain closed until sometime in June. We will however be open on Wednesday May 20 and Thursday May 21 from 11:00 am-3 :00 pm for donations only. We know everyone has been cleaning out their closets, so now you can donate it.

Donations will be taken at the back of the store only. There will be baskets for the clothing and baskets for homewares. We are not accepting anything large at the moment, no furniture etc. Please, only clean donations, nothing stained, ripped or broken etc.

Thank you so much, stay safe and well.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

- Using your Smartphone messaging app, text *FCCOG Donate* to 73256
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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Mothers for Others

PRELUDE

Gavotte

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist
G. B. Martini (1706-1784)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

All: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around.

One: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, and into the eyes of another.

All: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

One: we need only listen to the music of life,

All: The words of children, the questions of the curious, and the rhythm of a heartbeat.

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world

All: And who dwells in our lives.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GATHERING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, yet as close to us as our own breath, holy is your name. In you we live and move and have our being. We are Your own children, the work of Your hands.

We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to Your presence, opening our ears to Your Word. Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies; may it be a pleasing offering to You. We pray in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

SOLO

The Lord's Prayer

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano
Albert Malotte (1895-1964)

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 66:8-20

William DeHaven

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rosemary Lamie

SOLO

O Rest in the Lord

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

MESSAGE

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MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout's improvisation of *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*. (Quaker text; melody by American Baptist minister Robert Wadsworth Lowry; #108 in *Singing the Living Tradition*). Editing by Mike Halerz.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Meghan Young

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

POSTLUDE

March

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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