



**Reset • Review • Revitalize**

Sunday, May 24, 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.

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

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***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 and Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Families (e-blasts by Rosemary Lamie, Director of Faith Formation)
- Friday: [Fridays on Facebook](#) (live @ 3:00 pm with Rev. Patrick Collins)

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Shari Shapiro, Kids in Crisis

## PRELUDE

*Adagio*

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

Andre Caplet (1878-1925)

Paul Ghaffari, violin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: We gather together to worship God,

**All: Who comes to us when we least expect it,**

One: Who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives

**All: and invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.**

One: Let us worship God together!

## HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

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

**Gracious God, we gather once again from our own homes to offer you praise and thanksgiving for your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through your son, Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize you here among us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet you, and confidence to follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **SOLO**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Daniel Young, tenor  
Albert Malotte (1895-1964)

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Psalms 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Lynn Hawxhurst

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## **SOLO**

*Beautiful City (Godspell)*

Daniel Young, tenor  
Stephen Schwartz

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Patrick Collins

## **MUSIC**

*Adagio*

Paul Ghaffari, violin  
Oskar Wermann (1840-1906)

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became

frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## **MESSAGE**

*Reset, Review, Revitalize*

Rev. Eric Biehl

## **MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION**

Footsteps

Craig Courtney  
Beckenhorst Press

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **HYMN**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
upon the chaos wild and rude,  
and bade its angry tumult cease,  
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad praise from air and land and sea.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Patrick Collins

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Daniel Young, tenor

**POSTLUDE**

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Alan Viner (b. 1951)

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