



Sunday, July 12, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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.

We welcome you this day and we're glad you made the choice to join us for this live stream worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

FIRST CHURCH CONNECTS WITH YOU DURING THE WEEK

- Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship –
Live Stream - [YouTube](#)
Facebook - [First Church](#)
Radio at [WGCH](#) 1490 AM or 105.5 FM
Download the bulletin [HERE](#)
- 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 p.m. with Rev. Patrick Collins)

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If you are not on our mailing list, send your address to wendys@fccog.org

Please note:
The First Church building is closed until further notice.
The Rummage Room is **NOW OPEN!**
Monday – Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Donations are accepted Wednesday & Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

Using your smartphone messaging app, text **FCCOG Donate** to 73256

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PRELUDE

Ricercar

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,

All: let's praise God together!

One: For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:

All: let's praise God together!

One: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,

All: let's praise God together!

HYMN

Open now thy gates of beauty

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

GATHERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Life-giving God, we gather in your presence to offer you thanksgiving and praise.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we all are set free from the weakness of our flesh, free to follow the Holy Spirit, free to love with all our heart and soul and strength, and free to worship!

May the Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us, and to the word you have for us today.

To you, life-giving God, belongs praise, honor, glory, and blessing, now and to the end of time.

THE 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rosemary Lamie

SOLO

I'll Walk With God
Nicholas Brodzsky
Carolyn Paulus, soprano

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 65: 1-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

Joe McBride

Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

SOLO

The Lone Wild Bird
Arr. David Johnson
Carolyn Paulus, soprano

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8: 1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

MESSAGE

Beyond Limits
Rev. Patrick Collins

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit Song
John Wimber
Carolyn Paulus, soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Patrick Collins

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

Awake, My Soul
Elaine Hagenberg

HYMN

He is King of Kings

Refrain:

**He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him. (Repeat)**

**He built his throne up in the air; no one works like him;
and called his saints from everywhere; no one works like him. (Refrain)**

**He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him;
and broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him. (Refrain)**

**I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him;
and by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace
C. S. Symons
Carolyn Paulus, soprano

POSTLUDE

Toccata
Johann Pachelbel

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