



Founders Day & Heritage Sunday
Sunday, July 19, 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)

Please make sure your email is on our list of recipients.
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.

CALL TO A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM EDT following the Worship Service. The meeting will be held electronically using Zoom.us for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Search Committee to call an Associate Pastor;
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Pat Larrabee
Church Clerk

ZOOM INVITATION INFORMATION

Topic: Special Congregational Meeting

Time: Aug 2, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89602297964?pwd=Vk55bmZFTkFrZkkxcnRieUF1QmhwZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 0229 7964

Password: 698681

To join by telephone with audio only:

Dial: +1 646 558 8656 US

Meeting ID: 896 0229 7964

Password: 698681

This meeting may be recorded for purposes of taking of Minutes.

If you have questions about using Zoom, please email patmendelsohn@aol.com

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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

OR click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage

OR scan the QR code below using your smartphone



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PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

FOUNDERS DAY PROCLAMATION

Fred Camillo, Greenwich First Selectman

Founders Day is July 18th every year since July 18th, 1640 when the settlers bought the land that is now Old Greenwich from the native people. Because the law in those days was that you could not have a town without a church first being established, 1665 is the date our church uses as its founding date.

It took 25 years to have enough people in town to be able to afford the salary of a minister. The town of Greenwich uses the 1640 date for its founding.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: Come sons and daughters, mothers and fathers,
sisters and brothers and aunts!

All: **Come grandmas and grandpas, uncles and nephews,
nieces and neighbors and friends!**

One: Christ calls us together as parts of one Body,
for worship and service and praise!

All: **Let's worship God together!**

HYMN

Many Gifts, One Spirit

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
When we fear the future, Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
One Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
Known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors, God of many signs,
You have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. (Refrain)

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
You are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. (Refrain)

GATHERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Spirit of the living God, we praise and adore you for the many ways you reveal yourself to us during our time of worship. Renew us during this time, we pray, allow our hearts to love, and to proclaim the reconciling word. Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. May we, as the body of Christ, be the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing to this as the year of God's favor for all people. We give thanks that all of us are Christ's body, and rejoice in each one being a part of it. Accept our adoration and praise for these great gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name.

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.

FOUNDERS DAY DISCUSSION

Patrick Collins & Robert Marchant

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 86: 11-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Daniel Young

Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.
Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SOLO

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)
Thomas Woodman, baritone

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12 3-17 (Common English Bible)

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

MESSAGE

We Are All Related
Rev. Patrick Collins

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

Heritage Sunday Slideshow

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit Song
John Wimber
Thomas Woodman, baritone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill DeHaven

HYMN

Go, my children

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONSE

God be with you 'til we meet again
William Toomer
Thomas Woodman, baritone

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord
J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

HERITAGE SUNDAY 2020

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more.

1948

Nancy R. Hoffman

1949

Donald Freeman
Ruth Gisborne Reed

1950

Erling Andersen
Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels
Dorothy Perna Robertson

1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman
Gifford Reed

1952

William C. Henry
E. William Fossum

1953

John Denne
Claire Gisborne Henry
Benito Menegon

1954

Caralliene Westbrook

1955

Larry Haviland

1956

Lawrence Dickie
Virginia Liddel
Betsy Pearson

1957

Tina Birkic
Emily Jostrand
Donna Magness Gargagliano
Marcia Livingston

1958

Barbara Hopkins
Jane Ann Henry Ives
Barbara Van Buren Richmond

1959

Pat Geismar
Henry Hull III
Carol Mawhinney
Darleyne Sandreuter
James Starkweather
Mary Starkweather

1960

Dorothy Fisk
Ronald Weigner

1961

Patricia Schmitt
Martha (Marti) Stisser

1962

H. Kent Atkins

1963

Lynn O'Gorman

1964

Inge Thalheim

1965

Robyn Helmer
Jonathan Henry
Richard Lewis
Richard Mawhinney
John Norrgard
Barbara Norrgard
William Savage
Irene Savage
Peter Schieferdecker
Nettie Schieferdecker
Mary Ann Chidsey

1966

Judy Coleman
Stephen Weigner

1967

Jean Ayres
Kathryn Davis
Susan Ferris
Charles Field
Jan Meyer
Prill Meyer
Darlene Moore
Nancy Palamarcuik
Hans Plickert
Sandra Plickert
Laura Pugliese
Barbara Rawn
Jack Sweger

1968

Sarah-Anne Colegrove
Jon Hunt
Eric Kreuter
Linnea Stenberg
Jean Watkins
Jerry White
Ruth White

1969

Lucille (Lu) Baldwin
Alice Ell
Wayne Jostrand
Marilyn Ragland
Tom Ragland

1970

Andrea Woodman Osker

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