



Designing Love

Sunday, July 5, 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](#)
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Radio at [WGCH](#) 1490 AM or 105.5 FM
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- 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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Please note:
The First Church building is closed until further notice.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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PRELUDE

Largo

G. P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Tod Hedrick, viola da gamba

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, harpsichord

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: Like an oasis in the desert,

All: Worship satisfies our beleaguered souls.

One: Today, help us find the good in this life by delighting in your presence.

All: Help us find the hope you have placed in our innermost selves.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

GATHERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

In the adventure of life, we have found you. By your powerful grace, you have found us. As we proclaim your mighty deeds, we celebrate your justice. Amen.

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

Adagio

C. P. E. Bach (1714-1788)

Tod Hedrick, viola da gamba

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, harpsichord

FIRST LESSON

Lynn Hawxhurst

Psalm 145: 8-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

SOLO

Music for a while
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
Daniel Young, countertenor
Tod Hedrick, viola da gamba

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 24: Selected Verses (The Message)

The servant said, "I'm the servant of Abraham. God has blessed my master—he's a great man. My master made me promise, 'Don't get a wife for my son Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live. No, go to my father's home, back to my family, and get a wife for my son there.'

"Well, when I came this very day to the spring, I prayed, 'God, God of my master Abraham, make things turn out well in this task I've been given. I'm standing at this well. When a young woman comes here to draw water and I say to her, Please, give me a sip of water from your jug, and she says, Not only will I give you a drink, I'll also water your camels—let that woman be the wife God has picked out for my master's son.'

"I had barely finished offering this prayer, when Rebekah arrived, her jug on her shoulder. She went to the spring and drew water and I said, 'Please, can I have a drink?' She didn't hesitate. She held out her jug and said, 'Drink; and when you're

finished I'll also water your camels.' I drank, and she watered the camels. I praised God, the God of my master Abraham who had led me straight to the door of my master's family to get a wife for his son.

"Now, tell me what you are going to do. If you plan to respond with a generous yes, tell me. But if not, tell me plainly so I can figure out what to do next."
Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is totally from God. We have no say in the matter, either yes or no. Rebekah is yours: Take her and go; let her be the wife of your master's son, as God has made plain."

So they sent them off, their sister Rebekah with her nurse, and Abraham's servant with his men. And they blessed Rebekah saying,
You're our sister—live bountifully! And your children, triumphantly!

In the evening Isaac went out into the field; while meditating he looked up and saw camels coming. When Rebekah looked up and saw Isaac, she got down from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is that man out in the field coming toward us?"

"That is my master."

She took her veil and covered herself.

After the servant told Isaac the whole story of the trip, Isaac took Rebekah into the tent of his mother Sarah. He married Rebekah and she became his wife and he loved her.

MESSAGE

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CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit Song
John Wimber
Daniel Young, tenor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Daniel Lepoutre

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving The Bread And Cup

Today we join a vast cloud of witnesses who celebrated and shared in this sacred meal in the comfort of their own homes. We invite you during this time of communion to share whatever elements you have available to you knowing that all things of this life are sacred and holy.

MUSIC

Andante

G. P. Telemann

Tod Hedrick, viola da gamba

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people. We give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this sacrament and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.

HYMN

O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. (Repeat)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace

C. S. Symons

Daniel Young, tenor

POSTLUDE

Allegro

G. P. Telemann

Tod Hedrick, viola da gamba

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, harpsichord

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