



## Everyday Miracles

Sunday, August 9, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

The 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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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.

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## 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  
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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)

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### THE RUMMAGE ROOM IS NOW OPEN!

Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Donations are accepted Wednesday & Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

One box of books at a time.

Reminder: Clothing needs to be clean, no stains or holes.

Please note we do not accept these items:

Furniture, Pillows, Ski's and Ski boots, Suitcases,

Baby equipment - Strollers, Car Seats,

High Chairs, Computer Monitors, Printers.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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## PRELUDE

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

**All: the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

One: In this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

**All: in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

One: Gathered now are those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**All: In faith, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!'**

## HYMN

*Lord, You Have Come To The Lakeshore*

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

### Refrain

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)

You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (Refrain)

### GATHERING PRAYER

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea.

### 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.

### STAYING CONNECTED

The Schneider Family

### FIRST LESSON

*Miracles*

Walt Whitman

Andrea Woodman Osker

Why, who makes much of a miracle?  
As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,  
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,  
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,  
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,

Or stand under trees in the woods,  
Or talk by day with any one I love, or sleep in the bed at night with any one I love,  
Or sit at table at dinner with the rest,  
Or look at strangers opposite me riding in the car,  
Or watch honey-bees busy around the hive of a summer forenoon,  
Or animals feeding in the fields,  
Or birds, or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,  
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining so quiet and bright,  
Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring;  
These with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,  
The whole referring, yet each distinct and in its place.

To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,  
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle,  
Every square yard of the surface of the earth is spread with the same,  
Every foot of the interior swarms with the same.

To me the sea is a continual miracle,  
The fishes that swim-the rocks-the motion of the waves-the ships with men in them,  
What stranger miracles are there?

## SOLO

*Safe Within His Arms*  
Mark Hayes (b. 1953)  
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

## SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 14: 22-33*  
Common English Bible

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”  
And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

## MESSAGE

*Everyday Miracles*  
Rev. Patrick Collins

## MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

*Come To The Water*  
John Foley. S.J.  
Sarah Huber

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Deborah Kirk

## HYMN

*In The Bulb There Is A Flower*

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.**

**In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Patrick Collins

**RESPONSE**

*The Lord Bless You And Keep You*  
Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)  
The Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE**

*Fugue (from Mass Of The Convents)*  
Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

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