



**Sunday, October 18, 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.

We welcome you this day and are 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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## **JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNING FOR MEMORY GARDEN OR LIVE STREAM WORSHIP**

### **8 A.M. WORSHIP**

in the Memory Garden – weather permitting  
(advance registration is required. See your Friday email for information.)

### **10 A.M. WORSHIP**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## VIDEO WELCOME

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

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## PRELUDE

*Récit de Chromhorne*  
François Couperin (1668-1733)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## INTROIT

*Sing Praise To God*  
Craig Symons  
The Chancel Choir Quartet

## HYMN

*Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!**

**Refrain:**

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)**

**Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)**

## GATHERING PRAYER

Loving, living God, may your Spirit be made known to us now. Show us your ways, guide our steps, and live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S STORY

*What's My Superpower?*

Story: Aviaq Johnson

Drawn: Tim Mack

Digital reproduction: Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

Music: Child's Play | Clif Hardin — Allison Halertz, Pianist-in-Residence

Audio mix & video editing: Mike Halertz

## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 54: 1-7*

New International Version

Helen Ingraham

“This is what the Lord says to his anointed,  
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their armor,  
to open doors before him  
so that gates will not be shut:  
I will go before you  
and will level the mountains;  
I will break down gates of bronze  
and cut through bars of iron.  
I will give you hidden treasures,  
riches stored in secret places,  
so that you may know that I am the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who summons you by name.  
For the sake of Jacob my servant,  
of Israel my chosen,  
I summon you by name  
and bestow on you a title of honor,  
though you do not acknowledge me.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
apart from me there is no God.

I will strengthen you,  
though you have not acknowledged me,

so that from the rising of the sun  
to the place of its setting  
people may know there is none besides me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
I form the light and create darkness,  
I bring prosperity and create disaster;  
I, the Lord, do all these things.

## ANTHEM

*Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
The Chancel Choir Quartet

## SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 22: 15-22*  
New International Version

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

## MESSAGE

*Attitude Of Gratitude: Greed*  
Rev. Patrick Collins

## MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

*Jesus You Have Called Us (I Will Follow)*  
ReSound Worship

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

### 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.**

### HYMN

*Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

### CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Plein Jeu*  
Francois Couperin

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