

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH**

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

5 June 2011

10 o'clock in the morning



Welcome to this service of worship. Today is Youth Sunday!
We hope this time shared together is filled with inspiration,
compassion and motivation as you continue on the faith journey to
which God has called you!

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

The Tempest

Jadesola Ariyibi, piano

N. Faber

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Dr. David D. Young

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melanie Pfetsch, Gillian Woodman,

Sarah Morris, Julia McDonald

SOLO

A Simple Song (from Leonard Bernstein's Mass)

Katie Weatherseed

***‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,

tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

mount of thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor

daily I'm constrained to be!

*Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

OPENING PRAYER

Lindsay Erickson

God who called us by name, who called us here today, we ask that you be with us now. Be in the welcome we extend to one another. Be in the music we sing as praise to you. Be in the words we share. Surround us with love, grace and compassion so that we may be filled with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Lucinda Allen, Garrett Blackmar-White,
Emily Harris, Liz Morris, Alex Ng-Yow, Kim Rogers, Charlie Baird*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Stephanie Woodman

God of the universe, though we have made mistakes let us be reborn so that we can grow and be strong in our faith.

God of forgiveness, let us slow down and realize that you are with us in good times and in times when we struggle.

God of everlasting love, we trust that you will love and nurture us throughout our lives. We pray that, living into the forgiveness you have extended to us, we would extend the same to one another.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1-3

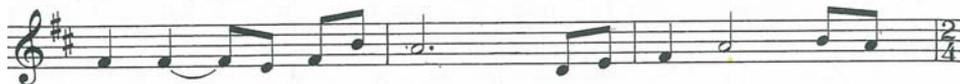
Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

PSALM *Caroline Glover, flute; Shaw Speer, drums; Tod Hedrick, bass*
I Have Loved You Michael Joncas

(Please join in on the refrain. Words and music below.)



I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have



called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an



ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

John 20:11-16

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

*‡HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (Verses 1, 3, 5)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

SERMON: *Who Do You Think You Are?*

*Walker Brady, Jennifer Florence, David Gordon,
Courtney Griffin, Mark Montgomery*

RESPONDING TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Peter Mackell

We believe that God has called us by name.

We believe that we are created in the image of God.

As called, godly people we know that we are to be light for the world. We are to offer hope in the midst of hopelessness. We are to share the journey and ease one another's burdens. We are to recognize the blessedness in which we live and share that blessing with others.

*GLORIA

New Century (black) Hymnal 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (*seated*)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

In the tradition of our church, we will partake of the bread as it is served, thanking God for Christ's death for each one of us. We will hold the cup and drink of it together, affirming our oneness as the Body of Christ.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Caroline Glover, flute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Natasha Sibirzeff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Flying Free

Caroline Glover, flute
Don Besig

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Daniel Lepoutre

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

Here I am Lord

(Words and music on next page)

***CLOSING SENTENCES**

Leader: Here we are God, send us

People: Send us to do your work in the world

Leader: You have called us by name

*People: So, we leave this place to continue our journey
knowing that you are with us, lifting us up
and guiding us on our way.*

***BENEDICTION**

Caroline Glover, flute; Shaw Speer, drums
Tod Hedrick, bass

Save the People (from Godspell)

Stephen Schwartz

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain (Harmony)

Here I am, Lord.

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
77.74 D with Refrain

(Refrain continued on next page)

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Donald M. Freeman, Sr. and Jeanne Freeman Boyer by the Freeman family.

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 have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday. Your children are always welcome for the entire service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website, www.fccog.org. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Youth Choir

Sopranos

Lucinda Allen
Jadesola Ariyibi
Amy Cass
Jenn Florence*
Olivia Hartwell
Kristen Morris*
Sarah Morris
Katie Weatherseed
Gillian Woodman

Altos

Sarah Lauridsen
Daniel Lepoutre
Julia McDonald
Liz Morris
Melanie Pfetsch
Ella Quinn
Kim Rogers
Stephanie Woodman

Tenors

Charlie Baird
Ivan Golodinskii
Hosung Kwon
Shaw Speer
Matt Stolfi

Basses

Matthew Baptist
Walker Brady*
Alex Mair

*Denotes Seniors

Carolyn Paulus, Director

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today is the last session of regular Church School for this program year. Next Sunday is our church school worship and celebration, Recognition Sunday. Susan Murtha is preaching, our children will be participating in the service, and the third graders will receive their Bibles. On June 19 our one-room, multi-age Summer School begins.

Youth Choir

There is no Youth Choir rehearsal today.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN is available in Room 203 after the Worship Service. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet after the service in the Lounge as we continue to consider the book of Luke. Actually, we're having a hard time getting to the end because Luke has a lot to say and it isn't always obvious what he's about. But you can find out if you join us -- even if you've missed some or all of what has come before. We're going to try to find some Sundays during the summer when we can meet and, with a fair wind, get to the end of Luke and the beginning of Acts, where the mighty wind of Pentecost will blow. Watch this space.

Youth Ministry

Today is the BIG BLOWOUT for the end of our regular Youth Sunday year! JPF, join us on the front lawn of the church from 3:30-5:30 pm. SPF, join us from 6:30-8:30 pm in the same place! We have bounce houses, water slides, cotton candy, corn hole, blow up basketball, and lots more! Don't miss this opportunity to wish our seniors well, enjoy some time together and have a lot of FUN! Hey, bring your friends too!

International Mission Team – School Supplies Needed TODAY

The International Mission Team is returning to Guatemala to build a home with Common Hope from June 12 to June 18. *“Common Hope promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala, partnering with children, families, and communities who want to participate in a process of development to improve their lives through education, health care, and housing.”* - Commonhope.org mission statement. In addition to building a home, we will bring down school supplies. **Today** is the deadline for donating school supplies in the church office and in the auditorium during coffee hour. Please help the children in Guatemala by donating the following needed items: **black/blue/red pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, glue bottles, 12-pack colored pencils, children's scissors, rulers, watercolors, scientific calculators, compasses, protractors.** Please no notebooks, paper, or folders or other items needed at this time. Any questions please call Kathy Fraser at 203-637-1060 or email her at kathyfraser1@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

Special Children's Choir for Church School Recognition

As we did for Palm Sunday, we will gather on *Saturday June 11* from 9:30-10:30 am in the Meetinghouse to rehearse a song that we can do for church the next day. We will sing a completely new song, so everyone will be learning it together. This will be for grades 3-6, including any 2nd graders who will be moving into 3rd grade in the fall.

History and Tradition – June 11

The Church Committee has been planning a Visioning process for our entire congregation in order to continue the long and strong legacy we have here at FCCOG. We will be having 3 church-wide gatherings to explore who we have been, who we wish to be and how we get there as a congregation. The first session, History & Tradition, will be held *Saturday, June 11* from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will begin gathering at 9:00 am for a continental breakfast and fellowship. Child care will be provided. Sign up during Coffee Hour or call the church office so that we know to expect you. A second session, called Visioning, will be held June 26 following worship and a third, Pathways, is still to be scheduled for the fall. Please join us on June 11. There will be additional information in the June Meetinghouse Monthly.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Summer Choir

Have you wanted a different view for the summer? Here is your chance to see things from a different perspective. Each Sunday morning from now until Labor Day, everyone is welcome to join *The Summer Choir!* Gathering at 9:00 am in the choir loft of the Meetinghouse, we will lift our voices in song as we learn new music that helps lead and inspire worship. No previous experience is necessary, but reading music certainly helps. And if you have college-age or other family members who are in town that have instrumental talents, we can certainly put them to work as well. Don't let your talents sit idle...use them to praise God on Sunday morning!

News from The Rummage Room

The Rummage Room thanks our many donors. You have heeded the pleas for donations and the manager and volunteers are grateful for your contributions. The Rummage Room still needs your help in keeping the shop supplied with good, clean merchandise which will help raise funds for our mission projects for women and children's organizations. Donation hours are 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, and 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. Please do not leave donations outside when the shop is closed.

Manager Maria's Wish List for June: It is not too late to donate items for Father's Day or June brides. Additional needs: Jewelry, handbags; shoes; clothing for women, men and children; linens; small furniture; bric-a-brac; art work; a stroller; a Pack 'n Play; bike with training wheels for a 4 year old; cardboard boxes for seasonal packing. The Rummage Room has storage for all seasons so do not hesitate to bring everything you would like to donate. Shopping hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. And remember, the best remedy when you can't sleep is counting your blessings!

Food Collection

A reminder that the Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the Meetinghouse, so please contribute food each week. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery store visit will make a significant difference at Neighbor to Neighbor. Items currently in need are:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- 100% Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Peanut Butter (no larger than 28 oz., please)
- Jelly

If you've forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email fccoghungermission@gmail.com with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home and deliver to the Church for Neighbor to Neighbor.

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