

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Founded in 1665

Founders Day
Heritage Sunday



Sunday, July 14, 2019

10 am

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.

Welcome to our service of worship at First Church of Greenwich.
Please join us in the lounge or outside (weather permitting)
after worship for our Community Hour.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Founders Day & Heritage Sunday**

PRELUDE

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

CALL TO COMMUNITY

(Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row.)

Reverend Carla Dietz

FOUNDERS DAY AND HERITAGE RECOGNITION

1st Greenwich Selectman Peter Tesei
Pat Larrabee

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Come, neighbors and strangers,

All: prophets and seekers of justice,

One: those who need a helping hand,

All: and those who have something to offer.

One: Whether your faith is weak or strong,

All: come let us be neighbors in this place, let us worship God together

**All who care to, please rise in body or spirit.*



*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.

At Community Hour, following the 10:00am service we will have a display of historical items from our church archives. Join us for this historic day in the life of our congregation and community.

OPENING HYMN*

Immortal, Invisible



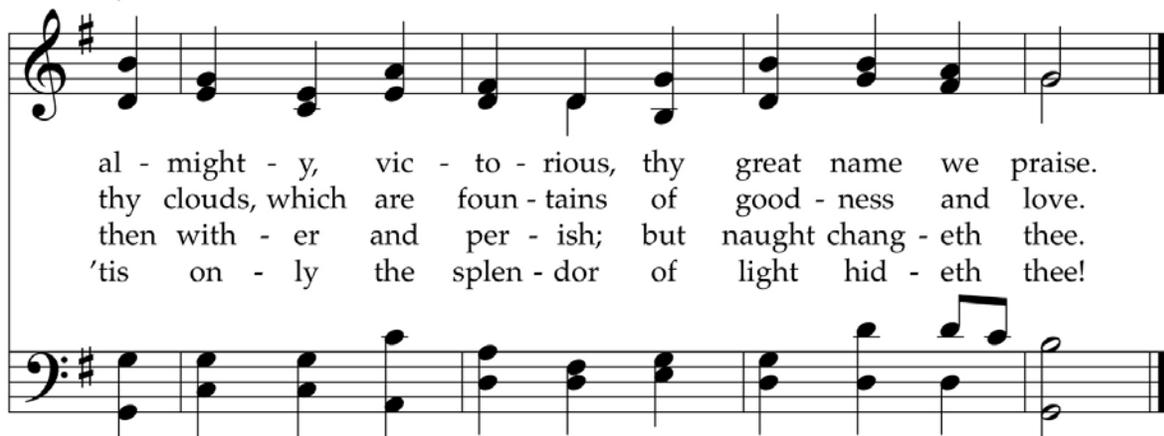
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of love and compassion,
you call us to be people of compassion, too:
to experience in our living
the lives of others,
to laugh with their joys
and cry with their sorrows.
In this time of worship
speak to us again your words of love
and remind us again of what it means
to be a neighbor.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the ultimate neighbor. Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

One: God of grace: when we hear prophets calling us to measure up, and we turn away,

All: **forgive us.**

One: When we see our neighbors in need and turn away,

All: **forgive us.**

One: When we assume we are too busy, or too important, to get involved,

All: **forgive us.**

One: When we try to discredit prophetic voices so that we can ignore them,

All: **forgive us.**

One: When we fail to measure up to being your people,

All: **forgive us.**

(Pause.)

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

We focus today on Jesus' answer to the question "Who is my neighbor?" It is good and appropriate today to pass the peace. Let us enthusiastically greet one another with the love that God has given us. In this passing of the peace, see if you can learn someone's name that you did not know before!

FIRST LESSON

Helen Ingraham

Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am^[a] no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parceled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

SOLO

As the Deer Longs

John Carroll, tenor
Ovid Young (1940-2014)

SECOND LESSON

Helen Ingraham

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your

strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

MESSAGE
Compassion

Reverend Carla Dietz

HYMN*

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give". The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system begins with a first ending bracket over the final two measures, which end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**All who care to, please rise in body or spirit.*

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain sung after each petition

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

CALL TO OFFERING

Using a Smartphone? Text *FCCOG Donate* to 73256

Andrea Woodman

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We the Lord's People

The Summer Choir
Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1944)

DOXOLOGY*

(offering praise and thanksgiving for meeting our needs and using us to bring God's mission to the world.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above the heavenly host;

Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Andrea Woodman

HYMN*

I Am Going to Live

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so)
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Auditorium to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

A Note about Welcoming Children

To our parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children... do not feel you have to suppress it during worship. The presence of children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." At First Church we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another. To the members of our congregation, please know that a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

If you are interested, we do have child care available for babies and toddlers in the preschool classrooms every Sunday for the entirety of the worship service.



Radio Ministry

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 at www.fccog.org. A bulletin is there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermon recordings are also available.



All services are now live-streamed on **YouTube.com**. Search for First Congregational Church of Greenwich and subscribe to our channel.

NEWS & NOTICES

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office (to the right of the Auditorium stage). During the week, she is available by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 821.



The Welcoming Committee is pleased to invite everyone to the First Church Bring-Your-Own Picnic at the Clambake Area! Pack a picnic dinner and beverages – Dessert is on us! We will gather at the Clambake area from 5-8PM on Thursday, July 18. Bring a friend and come for some fun and games!

This is an opportunity for those who do not live in Greenwich to enjoy our beautiful Greenwich Point. Tell the gatekeeper that you are there for the First Church Picnic. Singles, couples, families are welcome. Sign up at Community Hour, in the Church office or on the church website at MYFIRSTCHURCH.

HERITAGE SUNDAY 2019

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

Barbara Van Buren
William C. Henry
E. William Fossum

1953

John Denne
Claire Gisborne Henry
Diane Magness Andersen
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
Stanley Rand III
Barbara Van Buren Richmond

1959

Carol Dinmore
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
Harriet Starr
Jack Sweger

1968

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

1969

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

NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

The Rummage Room will close for cleaning, repairs and restocking on Saturday, August 3rd and will reopen September 3rd at 10 am.

Our famous Bag Sale Week begins Monday, July 29th – Wednesday, July 31st with EVERYTHING 50% off!
Then Thursday, August 1st, \$15 a bag; August 2nd, \$10 a bag and August 3rd, \$2 a bag.
We will celebrate our 'Grand Reopening' with all new merchandise on September 3rd!
Manager Leanne and Staff wishes all a happy and safe summer!

Please do not leave donations while the shop is closed as no-one will be there to collect them.

Shop Hours:

Monday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm

Donations accepted:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm



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