



Sunday, March 15, 2020

10:00 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.

*If you are virtually joining us this morning, we want to welcome you!
We hope this live stream finds you in good health.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O man, bewail thy grievous fall

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

SUSTAINABILITY MOMENT

Patrick, Rebecca and Jackson Toohey

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: As the deer pants for streams of water,
so we long for you, O God.

All: We thirst for you, the living God.

When can we come and stand in your presence?

One: Through each day,
God pours unfailing love upon us.

**All: Through each night we sing God's songs,
praying to the One who gives us life.**

One: Send out your light and your truth, O God.

**All: Let them guide us in Your holy ways,
so we may worship you.**

HYMN*

God, You spin the whirling planets

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Fill the seas and spread the plain
Mold the mountains fashion blossoms
Call forth sunshine wind and rain
We created in your image
Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice grace and mercy
And the truth that makes us free

You have called us to be faithful
In our life and ministry
We respond in grateful worship
Joined in one community
When we blur Your gracious image
Focus us and make us whole
Healed and strengthened as Your people
We move onward toward Your goal.

God Your will is still creating
Calling us to life made new
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
Where there's work to dare and do
Keep us clear of all distortion
Fashion us with loving care
Thus new creatures in Your image
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere

GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Rev. Adele Crawford

God our Life-giver, who moved over the waters in the creation, who led your people through the Red Sea to liberation, and who comforted your exiled people by the rivers of Babylon, draw us together as we gather in your name. We thank you for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh, and cleanse all life. Be for us living water, we pray, that in you

we may find sustenance, insight, and refreshment for the task of repairing our world. Amen

LENTEN RESPONSE

O God, the Creator, the Three in One,
The Creator of earth and moon and sun,
You have loved and protected us since time first begun,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love.

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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1: 9-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were

gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

SOLO

At the river

Thomas Woodman, baritone

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you

test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

MESSAGE

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Water Ways

HYMN*

Crashing waters at creation

Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the spirit's breath,
First to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage – channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one love-told,
Opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, Source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Patrick Collins

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Beside still waters

Carol Woodman, soprano
Bernard Hamblin

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN*

O, for a world

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

POSTLUDE

If thou but suffer God to guide thee

J. S. Bach

UPCOMING

CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS for SATURDAY 21st CANCELLED

Contact Sue Asselin, at extension 821 or email Susana@fccog.org with your questions.

FIRST CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAY AT NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR STILL SCHEDULED

Volunteer Day at Neighbor to Neighbor is still scheduled for Saturday, March 21st for two shifts 8:30 to 10:30 am and 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. With Covid-19 information changing so rapidly, however, please contact Rosemary Lamie at rosemaryl@fccog.org before you go to make sure.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING FOR MARCH 22nd CANCELLED

QUARTERLY INFORMATION MEETING FOR MARCH 22nd CANCELLED

*Join
us
for
Holy
Week*



Palm Sunday, April 5:

10:00 am Palm Sunday Service

Maundy Thursday, April 9:

6:00 pm Potluck Community Dinner

7:00 pm Solemn Service

Good Friday, April 10:

11:00 am Good Friday Service

12:00 pm Cross Walk to Greenwich Point Beach

Easter Saturday, April 11:

10 am-12 pm Family Activities & Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 12:

6:00 am Sunrise Worship Service at Greenwich Pt.
Special Music with Youth Choir

9:00 am Easter Service in the Meetinghouse
Procession with Chancel Choir, Brass, Timpani & Organ

11:00 am Easter Service in the Meetinghouse
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NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

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Due to the spread of the Covid-19 virus, The Rummage Room is closed and no donations will be accepted until further notice. Thank you!



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