



# *Easter Sunday*

Sunday, April 12, 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.

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

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***FIRST CHURCH CONNECTS WITH YOU DURING THE WEEK:***

- Sunday: 10 am Worship – Livestream on [YouTube](#) or on radio at [WGCH](#) (actual radio stations are 1490 AM or 105.5 FM).  
Download the bulletin [HERE](#) and join us and others in virtual fellowship.
- 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 (e-blast by Rosemary Lamie, Director of Faith Formation)
- Friday: [Fridays on Facebook](#) (live @ 3:00 pm with Rev. Patrick Collins)

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## EASTER PROLOGUE

Rev. Patrick Collins

## OPENING HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.**

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.**

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

*arr. James Biery (b. 1956)*

Video from First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

## EASTER GREETING

Rev. Patrick Collins

## GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

This is the day that you have made, life-giving God. Joining with angels and archangels and with the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we will rejoice and be glad this day. You take our endings and you make your new beginnings. Your surprise and astound us in places where we expected that you were absent. You challenge us to reconsider what is possible. God of all creation, we praise you, for you are raised by the power of God and there is a new creation and, by your grace, we are in it! Alleluia! 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.**

## FIRST LESSON

Pat Larrabee

*Genesis 2: 1-4 (New Revised Standard Version)*

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## SOLO

Thomas Woodman, bass

*The Trumpet Shall Sound (From Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

## SECOND LESSON

*John 20: 1, 11-18 (Common English Bible)*

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

## MESSAGE

Rev. Patrick Collins

*The World We Create*

## HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Thomas Stiers

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hallelujah*

The Youth Choir  
Leonard Cohen

## 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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Hallelujah Chorus "Choral Benediction"*

G. F. Handel

(From *Messiah*, First Church Performance, December 2019)

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

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