



Sunday, April 19, 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.*

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)

Please make sure your email is on our list of recipients. If you are not on our mailing list, send your address to dalindar@fccog.org. Thanks!

Please note: The Rummage Room is closed until further notice. No donations are being accepted at this time. Please do not bring anything to the store as there will be no-one to receive your donation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.

All: **We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

One: We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

All: **Come, let us worship!**

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

GATHERING PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of all creation, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.

We bring before you the turmoil of today's world and we ask that you send your spirit and renew the face of the earth. Help us to be compassionate towards the whole human family, strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give. We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ together saying...

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rosemary Lamie

FIRST LESSON

Lynn Hawxhurst

Psalms 122 (New Revised Standard Version)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.”
For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

SOLO

Hold On (From The Secret Garden)

Carolyn Paulus, soprano
Lucy Simon

SECOND LESSON

John 20: 19-31 (Common English Bible)

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

MESSAGE

Peace Be with You

Rev. Patrick Collins

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

From Beckenhorst Press

Arr. Jantz A. Black

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Sally Colegrove

CALL TO OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Musette

Leopold Mozart (1719-1787)

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

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

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