



Sunday, June 21, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

**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 welcome you this day and we're glad you made the choice to join us for this live stream worship service. May it be a blessing to you.*

---

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

- Sunday: 10 am Worship – Live stream 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 and Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Families (e-blasts 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 [wendys@fccog.org](mailto:wendys@fccog.org)

---

Please note:  
**The First Church building is closed until further notice.**

## NOTICE OF THE 349TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 349th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT, is hereby called for Sunday, June 28, 2020, at 11:00 AM EDT. Due to State of Connecticut COVID-19 guidance and the need for social distancing, the meeting will be held electronically via Zoom.us:

- To hear the Annual Reports of the Pastors, Officers, Committees, Organizations and Departments;
- To approve Minutes of prior congregational meetings in the past year;
- To amend the By-Laws as recommended by the Church Council;
- To elect Officers for the ensuing year;
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020;
- To authorize the Church Council to borrow approximately \$180,000 for up to 15 years from the General Endowment for replacement and repairs of the heating system for the church buildings; and
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING THE ANNUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM.US

Topic: FCCOG Annual Meeting

Time: June 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM EDT

To join the Zoom meeting using a high-speed internet connection with Video and Audio using a computer, tablet or smartphone: (recommended method), click [HERE](#).

If you have already installed the Zoom App, please click [HERE](#).

Enter the following information:

Meeting ID: 841 1291 5419

Password: 635709

To join by Telephone with Audio Only:

Dial: 1 (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 841 1291 5419

Password: 635709

This meeting may be recorded for purposes of the taking of Minutes.

For those who are new to using Zoom, and for those who would like some extra practice using Zoom, we will hold a practice session on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM EDT. If you would like to take advantage of this practice session, please e-mail [rickderr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickderr@sbcglobal.net) to request the zoom.us instructions for this session.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Patrick Collins

Using your smartphone messaging app, text *FCCOG Donate* to 73256

OR click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage

OR scan the QR code below using your smartphone QR reader



## CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Rick Derr, Chair, Church Council

## PRELUDE

*Allemande (from Partita #2)*

Paul Ghaffari, violin  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: Father of us all, Mother of each one, thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.

**All: You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs, you knit us together lovingly, your devotion to us has not failed, your care has followed us our whole life long.**

One: All we are and all we have, we owe to you, and so on this, the Lord's Day, in this house devoted to your glory, we give honor to you with our hearts and hands and voices.

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

## HYMN

*Great is the Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

### **GATHERING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. When the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power. When the task seems overwhelming, remind us of the miracle of love. When apathy threatens us, remind us of your vision of a world made whole. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen, and live as if it might do so today.**

**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**

Bonnie Kelley-Young

Psalm 69: 7-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
that shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

When I humbled my soul with fasting,  
they insulted me for doing so.  
When I made sackcloth my clothing,  
I became a byword to them.  
I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.  
But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.  
At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.  
With your faithful help rescue me  
from sinking in the mire;  
let me be delivered from my enemies  
and from the deep waters.  
Do not let the flood sweep over me,  
or the deep swallow me up,  
or the Pit close its mouth over me.  
Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.  
Do not hide your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.  
Draw near to me, redeem me,  
set me free because of my enemies.

## SOLO

*Panis Angelicus*

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)  
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano  
Paul Ghaffari, violin

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 21: 8-21 (Common English Bible)

The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac." This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do

because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

## MESSAGE

*A Better Way*

Rev. Patrick Collins

## CALL TO PRAYER

*Spirit Song*

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano  
John Wimber

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Rod Dungan

## HYMN

*For the Healing of the nations*

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love and action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
From despair your world release;  
That redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how, through care and goodness,  
Fear will die and hope increase.  
Fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind:  
That, by our response and service,  
Earth its destiny may find.  
Earth its destiny may find.

## **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Patrick Collins

## **RESPONSE**

*Go Now In Peace*

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano  
C. S. Symons

## **POSTLUDE**

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

---

*All hymns reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-726454. All rights reserved.*



Is your pledge missing? We need you!



## GREAT NEWS!!!

Thanks to our wonderful, generous, engaged congregation, we now have 303 pledges!

The Stewardship Committee is deeply grateful to everyone who helped us meet our participation goal at this difficult time.

A special "thank you" to Donna Hascher and Paul Ghaffari who kept making calls and sending emails until we reached our goal.

Appreciatively,  
The Stewardship Committee



108 Sound Beach Avenue • Old Greenwich CT 06870  
203-637-1791 • [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)

Ministers: The members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Senior Pastor: Reverend Patrick Collins

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Reverend Avery C. Manchester

Minister of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Faith Formation: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration and Finance: Steve Summerton

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Director of Preschool: Darla Kohler Steiner

Preschool Administrative Assistant: Melanie Garnett

Administrative Assistant: Wendy Spezzano

Database Administrative Assistant: Sue Wilder

Pastors Emeriti: Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Stiers and Reverend Sally Colegrove

