



Sunday, August 16, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The 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 a.m. Worship –
Live Stream - [YouTube](#)
Facebook - [First Church](#)
Radio at [WGCH](#) 1490 AM or 105.5 FM
Download the bulletin [HERE](#)
- 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)

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

THE RUMMAGE ROOM IS NOW OPEN!

Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Donations are accepted Wednesday & Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**It will close on August 20 for two weeks and have their
Grand Reopening on Tuesday, September 8 at 11a.m.**

One box of books at a time.

Reminder: Clothing needs to be clean, no stains or holes.

Please note we do not accept these items:

Furniture, Pillows, Ski's and Ski boots, Suitcases,

Baby equipment - Strollers, Car Seats,

High Chairs, Computer Monitors, Printers.

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



PRELUDE

Andante Religioso (from Sonata 4)
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patrick Collins

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

GATHERING PRAYER

God, we remember with wonder and joy that your spirit is reaching everywhere. We rejoice in the liveliness of all living things; touching what is wounded or ill with healing power. We gather in the lonely, the lost, the least; soothing ancient animosities; creating and recreating a vision of hope.

Come now, Holy Spirit. Let our worship rejoice in you, and lift our hearts, and bind us in one family of loving grace.

THE 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.

STAYING CONNECTED

The Stuckey Family

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 67: 1-7
New International Version
Lynn Hawxhurst

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

DUET

Sound The Trumpet
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
Carol Woodman, soprano
Thomas Woodman, baritone

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 15: 21-31
Common English Bible

From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, “Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.” But he didn’t respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, “Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us.”

Jesus replied, “I’ve been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel.”

But she knelt before him and said, “Lord, help me.”

He replied, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and toss it to dogs.”

She said, “Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters’ table.”

Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish.” And right then her daughter was healed.

Jesus moved on from there along the shore of the Galilee Sea. He went up a mountain and sat down. Large crowds came to him, including those who were paralyzed, blind, injured, and unable to speak, and many others. They laid them at his feet, and he healed them. So the crowd was amazed when they saw those who had been unable to speak talking, and the paralyzed cured, and the injured walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

MESSAGE

Healing The Wounds
Rev. Patrick Collins

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

Heavy (Birdtalker cover)
Lady & Gentleman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bonnie Kelley-Young

SOLO

For The Mountains Shall Depart
Mendelssohn

HYMN

Thomas Woodman, baritone
Our Help Is In The Name Of God

**Our help is in the name of God the Lord,
the One who made the heavens with a word,
creator of the world, each living thing.
Come, bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:
“Our help is in the name of God the Lord.”**

**When evil seems to have the upper hand,
call on God’s name: the Lord, the great “I am.”
When troubles rise and all around gives way,
remember God stays with us night and day.
Our help is in the name of God the Lord.**

**Praise God the Lord who hears the captives’ prayer.
Like birds escaping from the fowler’s snare
we are set free; our praises now ascend:
“Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend.
Our help is in the name of God the Lord.”**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You And Keep You
Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)
The Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace
Mendelssohn

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