



Sunday, October 25, 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 are glad you made the choice to join us for this live stream worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

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8 A.M. WORSHIP

in the Memory Garden – weather permitting
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Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

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PRELUDE

Air

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Paul Ghaffari, violin

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

INTROIT

Sing Praise To God

Craig Symons

The Chancel Choir Quartet

HYMN

O God Of Every Nation

**O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, from generation to generation you have helped and saved your people. We remember stories of drought and famine, of flood and plague, of wandering in the wilderness; we remember the love of Jesus. Be with us this day, in our own times of difficulty, that we may trust in your everlasting love above all else.

Teach us to love you more with all we are in heart, body, soul, and mind. And help us to show your love to all we meet, for all of creation was made through your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY

When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree

Story: Jamie L B Deenihan

Illustration: Lorraine Rocha

Reading: Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Assistant Minister for Spiritual Growth & Development

Digital reproduction: Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

Music: Skirting the Edge, Lucia Clarke — Allison Halerz, Pianist-in-Residence

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FIRST LESSON

Matthew 22: 34-46

New International Version

Kate Collins

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

“The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.”

If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling
F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)
The Chancel Choir Quartet

SECOND LESSON

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
New International Version

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

MESSAGE

Attitude Of Gratitude: Disappointment
Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

Footsteps
Craig Courtney
Beckenhorst Press

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Patrick Collins

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.

HYMN

Guide My Feet

**Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide my feet . . .

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March
Stanley Vann

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