



World Communion Sunday



Sunday, October 4, 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.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNING FOR MEMORY GARDEN OR LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

8 A.M. WORSHIP

in the Memory Garden – weather permitting
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10 A.M. WORSHIP

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Rev. Patrick Collins

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PRELUDE

Kum Ba Yah
Arr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)
Steven Russell, guest organist

INTROIT

I Am Come, A Light Unto The World
Kenneth Hansen
The Chancel Choir Quartet

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

**Let us break bread together on our knees
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)**

GATHERING PRAYER

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy. We bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope. We bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.

Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may be one with you never looking back and trusting the path before us. In Jesus' name we gather. Amen

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2: 1-13
New International Version
Lynn Robertson

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

ANTHEM

For The Beauty Of The Earth
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)
The Chancel Choir Quartet

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7
Common English Bible

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

MESSAGE

Attitude Of Gratitude: Nostalgia
Rev. Patrick Collins

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

Nothing Can Turn Me Around
Harrison Johnson
Swarthmore College Alumni Gospel Choir
Vaneese Thomas, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn Hawxhurst

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Today we join a vast cloud of witnesses who celebrated and shared in this sacred meal in the comfort of their own homes. We invite you during this time of communion to share whatever elements you have available to you knowing that all things of this life are sacred and holy.

HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Sicilian Mariners
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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