



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 17, 2021

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.

SUNDAY MORNING LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

YouTube - [YouTube](#)

Facebook - [First Church](#)

Radio at [WGCH](#) 1490 AM or 105.5 FM

Download the bulletin [HERE](#)

RUMMAGE ROOM

Store Hours

Monday - Thursday
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Donation Hours

Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VIDEO WELCOME

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

Using your smartphone messaging app, text **FCCOG Donate** to **73256**
or click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage

PRELUDE

Plainsong

John Dunstable (1390-1453)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

HYMN

Will You Come And Follow Me

Tune: Kelvingrove

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Patrick Collins

We gather together now to worship and serve our God. The God of all creation who creates us and loves us. Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community. Who, out of love and grace gave us Jesus Christ; to show us, guide us, and lead us to live and love.

We gather to worship the God of grace and love who inspires children, youth, and adults of all ages to seek justice, to share power, and to live together In love and equality. We worship the God of justice and compassion who invites us to join in the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all, and who's very presence, grace, and love sustains us in our living.

We come now to worship with open hearts and minds the God of the prophets, who, like the prophets of old calls us today to speak out for justice and righteousness. To stand up for all of humanity, to rise up and spread God's love throughout our broken world.

God, we gather together to hear your call, to sing your praise, to learn from one another, to pray for healing and reconciliation, to be the Body of Christ in our world, and to worship you with all of our heart, mind, and soul. Amen.

I HAVE A DREAM

Salt Project

FIRST LESSON

Amos 5: 14-24
New Revised Standard Version
Gillian Woodman

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
In all the squares there shall be wailing;
 and in all the streets they shall say, "Alas! alas!"
They shall call the farmers to mourning,
 and those skilled in lamentation, to wailing;
in all the vineyards there shall be wailing,
 for I will pass through the midst of you,
says the Lord.
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
 Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
 as if someone fled from a lion,
 and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
 and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
 I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
 I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord
Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)
The Chancel Choir Quartet

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.*
Psalm 119:33

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-11, 43-48
New Revised Standard Version

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

MESSAGE

Challenging Dreams
Rev. Patrick Collins

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

I Dream A World
Andre Thomas
The Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

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

To God Be The Glory
Tune: To God Be The Glory

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Collins

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me
Doris Akers

POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn
John Dunstable

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

108 Sound Beach Avenue Old Greenwich CT 06870
203-637-1791 • www.fccog.org

Ministers - All Members Of The First Congregational Church Of Greenwich

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Minister of Music

Director of Faith Formation

Director of Church Administration and Finance

Director of Membership

Parish Nurse

Administrative Assistant

Media, Tech and Content Coordinator

Database Administrative Assistant

Director of Preschool

Preschool Administrative Assistant

Pastors Emeriti

Reverend Patrick Collins

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Rosemary Lamie

Steve Summerton

Ginny Breismeister

Susan Asselin, RN

Wendy Spezzano

Stephen Lucin

Sue Wilder

Darla Kohler Steiner

Melanie Garnett

Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Stiers - Reverend Sally Colegrove



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all