



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 24, 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.

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Rev. Patrick Collins

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PRELUDE

Introitus

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

HYMN

How Firm A Foundation

Tune: Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

God of Endless Love, Source of Strength, Creator of All, we gather again in your presence at the end of another overflowing week. Quiet our souls and rest our minds in your everlasting love. We bring all that we are before you, knowing that you love each and every part, even the parts we do not. Remind us that we cannot earn your love, and that you love us for simply being ourselves. Recenter our hearts in you, O God, who knit each of us in the womb and calls us wonderfully made. We are here to praise you, Love that is always with us! Let us worship together!

ENNEAGRAM PROFILE

Desmond Tutu and “Ubuntu”

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 139: 1-6, 12-18
New International Version
Helen Ingraham

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

ANTHEM

My Eyes For Beauty Pine
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
The Chancel Choir Quartet

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20
New International Version

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

MESSAGE

God's Beloved
Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

I Lift My Eyes
Dan Forrest

EXPERIENCE THE ENNEAGRAM

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

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
Tune: Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our *Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace
C. S. Symons

POSTLUDE

Gagliarda
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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