



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Sunday, February 21, 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.

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## **SUNDAY MORNING LIVE STREAM WORSHIP**

**10:00 a.m.**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## VIDEO WELCOME

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

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## PRELUDE

*Adoration*  
Florence Price (1887-1953)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## HYMN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
Tune: St. Flavian

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.**

**As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

## GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Patrick Collins

**As we begin this season of Lent together during this time of worship, we pray that your presence and love be made known to us. As the darkness of the season slowly gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings, we come today to be reminded of God's love for us. Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil, we welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives. In this time of reflection and repentance, we affirm our identity, and we claim our place as beloved children of God. Amen.**

## MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

*Just As I Am*  
Matt Maher

## FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 9:8-17*  
New Revised Standard Version  
Mariann Ekernas

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

## ANTHEM

*Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*  
Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)  
The Chancel Choir Quartet

*Christ is made the sure Foundation, And the precious Cornerstone;  
Who, the two walls underlying, Bound in each, binds both in one;  
Holy Zion's Help forever, And her Confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city, Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation, Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, and God the Trinal, Singing everlastingly.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today!  
With Thy wonted lovingkindness Hear Thy people as they pray.  
And Thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls for ay.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One;  
Consubstantial, co-eternal, While unending ages run.*

*Words: c. 7th century*

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Mark 1: 9-15*  
New International Version

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

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!”

## **MESSAGE**

*Falling Into Mystery*  
Rev. Patrick Collins

## **SOLO**

*Marching On Up*  
Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)  
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

## **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**

*God Of The Sparrow*

Tune: Roeder

**God of the sparrow, God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars, How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast, How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross  
God of the empty grave, How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick  
God of the prodigal, How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life**

**God of the neighbor, God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook, How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**

**God of the ages, God near at hand  
God of the loving heart, How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Patrick Collins

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing*  
Anthony Giamanco (b. 1958)

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