



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**Sunday, February 7, 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. Patrick Collins

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## PRELUDE

Improvisation On “*Let Us Break Bread Together*”  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## HYMN

*Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*  
Tune: Darwall’s 148th

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!**

### Refrain:

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)**

**Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)**

## GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

**Loving God, we desire to learn more of you with hearts, minds, and strengths that are focused upon Jesus. We long to grow in grace and in a knowledge of you, and we pray that you would develop in us a deep desire to study your word, and learn to apply the truths within our own lives. May we live our lives in a way that is pleasing to you, and be used by you for your grace and goodness in the world. And help us to learn to live like**

**Jesus, in total relationship with you, to your praise and glory. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

*The Role of the Church in Facing the Nation's Chief Moral Dilemma (1957)*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lynn Hawxhurst

“But the end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the beloved community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opposers into friends. The type of love that I stress here is not eros, a sort of esthetic or romantic love; not philia, a sort of reciprocal love between personal friends; but it is agape which is understanding goodwill for all men. It is an overflowing love which seeks nothing in return. It is the love of God working in the lives of men. This is the love that may well be the salvation of our civilization.”

## **ANTHEM**

*Abide With Me*

Arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The Chancel Choir Trio

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.  
Henry F. Lyte, 1847*

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Mark 1:19-45*

New International Version

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

## **MESSAGE**

*Restoration Project*  
Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

## **SOLO**

*There Is A Balm In Gilead*  
Arr. H.T. Burleigh  
Thomas Woodman, baritone

## **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.**

### 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.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Beautiful Things*  
Gungor

### HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Tune: Precious Lord

**Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*The Lord Bless You And Keep You*  
Peter Lutkin  
The Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE**

*Honor, Honor*  
Arr. Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

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