

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 16, 2022
10 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 worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



*God puts the wiggle in children
and calls it good... and so do we!*

At First Church, we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another.

To welcome children as they are in worship, we've created the **PrayGround**, located in the front of the chapel (right side of the Meetinghouse) where children and others can engage in worship through movement and prayerful play.

The **PrayGround** offers space for movement and sensory materials for all ages to worship with and through. The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

PRELUDE

Awake, My Heart
Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God,
All: Who creates us and loves us;
One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
All: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
All: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;
One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
All: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
One: We gather to worship God.
All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

UNISON PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

Keeper of every moment in eternity; we come, not only to hear those words which can transform us, but to be filled with your grace and hope. We have come, not out of habit, but to respond to your call, willing to be called away from the familiar ways of our lives.

Walker of our journeys, in the midst of our harried lives, you call us to lay aside all that entangles us, to follow you into service to others. You invite us to step into the waters of life and hope, reaching out to draw others to our side so, that together, we might enter your kingdom of laughter and joy.

When uncertainty fills every block in our daily planners, you come, grace's companion, to offer that hope which anchors us in God's heart; to place our feet firmly on that rock called peace; to bring us safely to that haven filled with God's steadfast love. God in community, holy in one, rock of every age, in your name we pray. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

I Corinthians 12: 1-11
New Revised Standard Version
Car Westbrook

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
The Chancel Choir

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

Psalm 5:8 & Psalm 4:9

SECOND LESSON

John 2: 1-11
Common English Bible

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

MESSAGE

The Nudge We Need
Reverend Patrick Collins

VISUAL POEM

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Saltproject.org

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Mary Fike

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lauda Anima
Mark Andrews (1875-1939)

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

Henry Francis Lyte (1834)

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

Tune: In Babilone

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude In C Major
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

COMMUNITY

HOUR

In light of the rapid spread of COVID-19,
Community Hour is suspended until further notice.

Today is All-Ages worship in the Meetinghouse.
Church School resumes next Sunday, January 23, 2022.



RECEPTION TO HONOR BOB SMALL – SPACE LIMITED!

All are invited to join us as Reverend Tony Bolton and the First Congregational Church of Greenwich honor Robert Small with the **Tony B'er of the Year Award**. Please RSVP using the link below, and plan to join us **Tuesday, January 25th from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm** at First Church for a small reception and gathering in Bob's honor.

The event will be available live on the First Church YouTube page. Due to COVID, in-person reservations will be limited to 30, so RSVP early.

Click on the link below to reserve your spot!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845adaa2baaf85-tony>



NEW YEAR INVOLVEMENT

As 2022 spreads itself before you,
why not take the opportunity
to serve First Church as an usher,
a scripture reader, or call to offering reader.

You can use our SignUpGenius page to sign yourself up through May, 2022. Simply head to our website www.fccog.org, scroll to the bottom under “Quick Links”, and select the way in which you’d like to serve!

STEWARDSHIP 2022 – SO MUCH MORE THAN SUNDAY!



YOUR GENEROSITY HAS AN IMPACT!

Annual pledging funds all the good works of our church. Pledges enable us to run the church, build faith formation, and take outreach to new heights. If you have pledged before, we are grateful for your participation. If you have not pledged, please join us this year and click www.iamfirstchurch.com to make your pledge.

The Stewardship Committee



JANUARY RUMMAGE ROOM HOURS

New hours for sales and donation drop off are
Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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