

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 30, 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

My Hope Is Built

Arr. James Kimball

The Silverthorn Handchime Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, whose love is vast and measureless, wider than the universe, unlimited and infinite:

All: In wonder, we worship you.

One: God, whose love will never run dry, will never fall short, will never fail:

All: In wonder, we worship you.

All: God, whose love knows nothing of our distinctions, our notions of ‘deserving’ and ‘undeserving’, and which encompasses everyone:

All: In wonder, we worship you.

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

UNISON PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

In you alone we put our hope, God the Father and Mother, Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things, seen and unseen. In you alone we put our hope, God the Son, Savior and Redeemer, who died for our sins, and rose again. In you alone we put our hope, God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter, who moves us to sing, “Our God reigns!” In you alone we put our hope. Amen.

DEDICATION OF SILVERTHORN HANDCHIMES

Dr. Craig Scott Symons

**One: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: who made heaven and earth.
One: Praise God in his sanctuary!
All: Praise God in his fortress, the sky!
One: Praise God in his mighty acts!
All: Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!**

One: Beloved in Christ, we dedicate this gift of the Silverthorn Handchimes to your glory. Each time we hear these chimes, let us remember that these sounds envelope us with your love, and these sounds float through the air to carry the news of your love to all those who hear them. We ask your blessing on those who crafted these chimes, those who dedicate their time learning music to share in worship, and all of us who receive the ministry of music within and outside of these walls.

All: O God, enable us to be both faithful and imaginative stewards of all your gifts. We dedicate these chimes and ourselves to the holy calling which you have charged us. Amen.

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

Children will depart for Church School

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

FIRST LESSON

I Corinthians 13: 1-13
New Revised Standard Version
David Gordon

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

ANTHEM

We The Lord's People
Jeffrey Rickard (1810-1876)
The Chancel Choir
Debra Silverthorn and Sarah Gordon, handchimes

*We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting.
Praise him who called us out of darkness,
Light and truth revealing. Bring we now before Him all our gladness and joy.*

*O God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Trinity blessed, heav'nly light, the source of our salvation.
Shine forth in our living, now and ever. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4: 21-30
Common English Bible

He began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”

Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, “This is Joseph’s son, isn’t it?”

Then Jesus said to them, “Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: ‘Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we’ve heard you did in Capernaum.’” He said, “I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet’s hometown. And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah’s time, when it didn’t rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed.”

When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

MESSAGE

Love Is...
Reverend Patrick Collins

ANTHEM

The Promised Land
Arr. James Kimball
The Silverthorn Handchime Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Henry Hull

ORGAN OFFERTORY

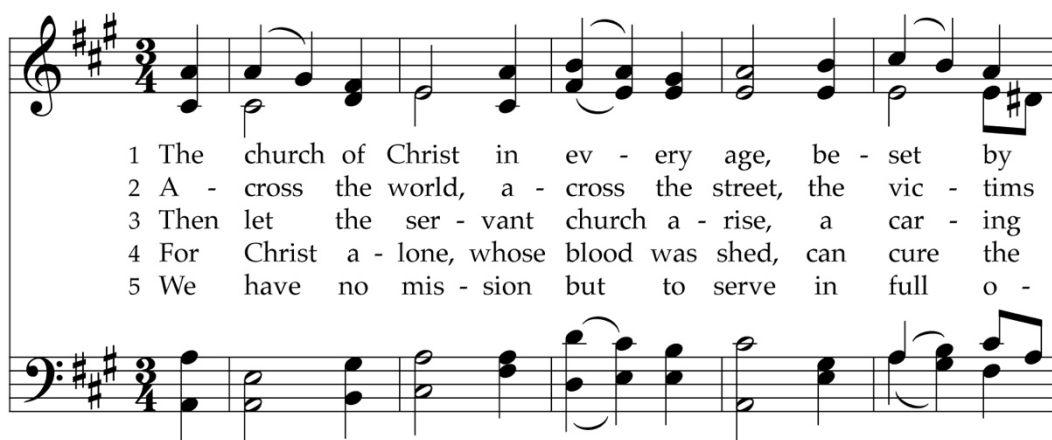
Allegretto
J. Peter Huss

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
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

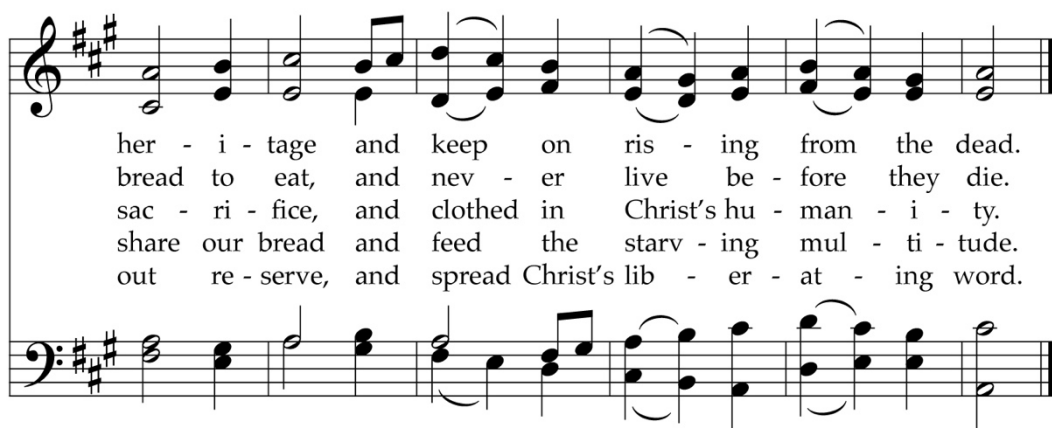
PRAYER OF DEDICATION



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allein Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ
(You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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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.

Church School classes will meet after the handchime dedication.

- 3's, 4's and Kindergarten in the Auditorium
- 1st and 2nd graders in Rick's Room
- 3rd and 4th graders in the Lounge
- 5th and 6th graders in the 3rd floor office.

Church School Task Force members and teachers will help children find their rooms.



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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Love is
patient



Love is
kind

-1 Corinthians 13:4

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