

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 13, 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.

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## 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 Patrick Collins

## PRELUDE

*Honor, Honor*

Arr. Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

All: **We are each a child of God. No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, we are blessed.**

One: Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

All: **We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and who blesses us.**

One: Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

All: **Let us rejoice in the love of God, and worship our God together in prayer, song, and praise.**

## †HYMN

*O Lord, Our God*

Tune: Winchester Old

1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name.  
2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be - neath in awe,  
3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur - pass - ing all but you,  
4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place  
5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name,

Your maj - es - ty sur - rounds the earth, and chil - dren sing your fame.  
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.  
with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.  
we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven - ture in - to space.  
ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

† Please rise in body or in spirit



## UNISON PRAYER

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

**O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow. Help us to reach out with your love to those in need, that we may not be satisfied until all are fed. Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today. Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 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

*Jeremiah 17: 5-10*  
New International Version  
Lynn Robertson

This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.  
That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.  
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”

The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

“I the Lord search the heart  
and examine the mind,  
to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve.”

## ANTHEM

*I Dream A World*  
André Thomas (b. 1952)  
The Chancel Choir

*I dream a world where man no other man will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn  
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day.  
A world I dream where black or white,  
whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free,  
where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl,  
attends the needs of all mankind-  
of such I dream, my world!*

*Langston Hughes*

## SECOND LESSON

*Luke 6: 17-26*  
The Message

Coming down off the mountain with them, he stood on a plain surrounded by disciples, and was soon joined by a huge congregation from all over Judea and Jerusalem, even from the seaside towns of Tyre and Sidon. They had come both to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Those disturbed by evil spirits were healed. Everyone was trying to touch him—so much energy surging from him, so many people healed! Then he spoke:

You're blessed when you've lost it all.  
God's kingdom is there for the finding.

You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry.  
Then you're ready for the Messianic meal.

You're blessed when the tears flow freely.  
Joy comes with the morning.

“Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is that the truth

is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—skip like a lamb, if you like!—for even though they don't like it, I do . . . and all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company; my preachers and witnesses have always been treated like this.

But it's trouble ahead if you think you have it made.  
What you have is all you'll ever get.

And it's trouble ahead if you're satisfied with yourself.  
Your self will not satisfy you for long.

And it's trouble ahead if you think life's all fun and games.  
There's suffering to be met, and you're going to meet it.

“There's trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Popularity contests are not truth contests—look how many scoundrel preachers were approved by your ancestors! Your task is to be true, not popular.

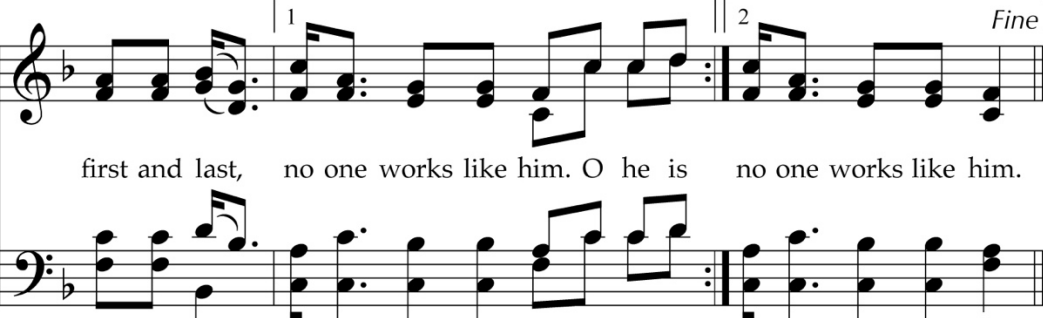
**MESSAGE**

*Deeply Rooted Faith*  
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

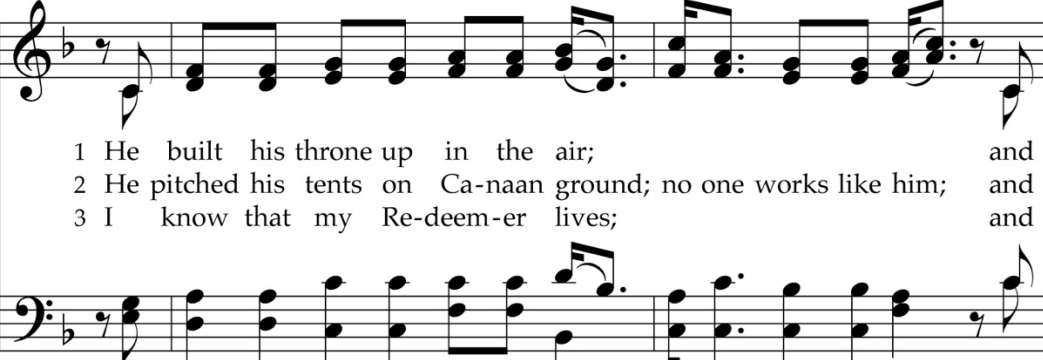
## Refrain




He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the



first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.



1 He built his throne up in the air; and  
2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and  
3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and



called his saints from ev - ery - where;  
broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is  
by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

## 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

Lynn Hawxhurst

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*I Feel The Spirit Moving*  
Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)  
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

### †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 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,  
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:  
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude In G Minor*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## MUSIC NOTES

As February is *Black History Month*, most of the music sung or played in worship during the month will be of a gospel or spiritual nature.

The prelude is based on the spiritual “Honor, Honor” by Calvin Taylor, music publisher, concert performer, and recording artist. The lyrics to the tune are:

*King Jesus lit the candle by the waterside -- To see the little children when they truly baptized.  
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

*Oh, run along, children, and be baptized. There's a mighty pretty meetin' by the waterside.  
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

*I prayed all day, I prayed all night, My head got sprinkled with de midnight dew.  
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

Taylor received the Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Master of Music degree from The University of Michigan, Diploma from the Grove School of Music, and the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Kentucky.

The Chancel Choir anthem, “I dream a world” was written with lyrics based on the poem “I dream a world” by Langston Hughes (text at the anthem spot above). André Thomas is retired from Florida State University where he served as Director of Choral Activities for 35 years. He most recently served as interim Director of Choral Activities at Yale University for the 2020-2021 season.

During the offertory, Linnea Conley sings “I feel the spirit moving” arranged by Mark Hayes. This solo combines two familiar songs, “Old time religion” and “Every time I feel the spirit”. Mark Hayes is a Kansas City based composer whose compositions and arrangements are known for their unique American sound, drawing from such diverse musical styles such as gospel, jazz, pop, folk and classical. His personal catalog, totaling over 1,500 published works, includes work for solo voice, solo piano, multiple pianos, orchestra, jazz combo, small instrumental ensembles, and choruses of all kinds.

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons*  
*Minister of Music*

## TODAY'S EVENTS



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

We have Regular Church School classes today.  
Hope to see our children there!



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