

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 20, 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

Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen

Arr. Florence Price (1887-1953)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

One: Come and learn the ways of life.

All: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

All: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

All: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

All: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

One: Come and learn the ways of life.

†HYMN

O For A World

Tune: Azmon

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug-gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a-chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

UNISON PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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

Genesis 45: 3-11
New Revised Standard Version
Barbara Norrgard

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

ANTHEM

Walk In The Light
Arr. Brandon Waddles (b. 1988)
The Chancel Choir

*Walk in the light. Beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus is the light of the world.
He's shining! He's shining in my soul.*

Thomas Whitfield (adapted)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6: 27-38
Common English Bible

“But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

“If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

“Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn, and you won’t be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.”

MESSAGE

Let It Flow
Reverend Patrick Collins



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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

Betsy Kreuter

OFFERTORY SOLO

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Daniel Young, tenor

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he's protecting, and I know that he's loving,
and I know He watches me*

Civilla D. Martin (1905)

†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.

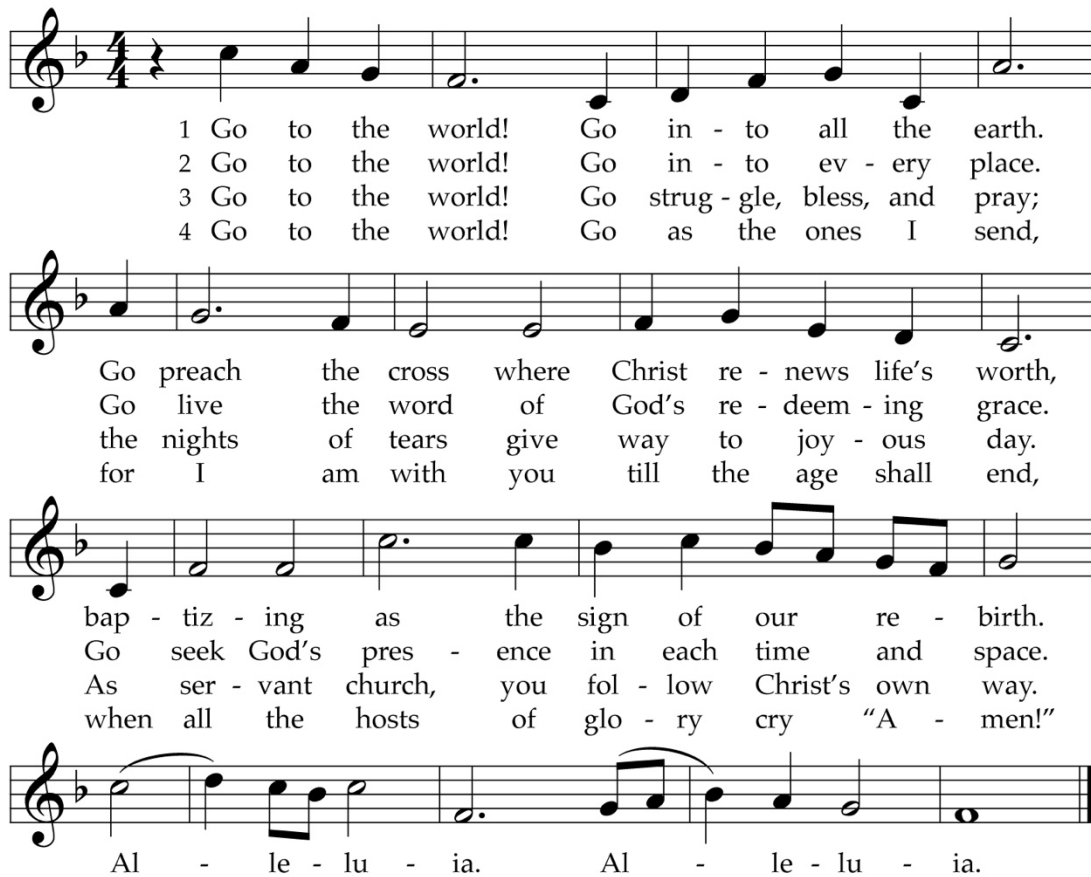
† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Go To The World

Tune: Sine Nomine



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,
bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Victoria Gallop

Francis Johnson (1792-1844)

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(This notice was inadvertently left out of last Sunday's bulletin)
**The flowers in the Meetinghouse are given in loving memory of
Catherine G. Weigner and Arthur C. Weigner
by their sons Stephen A. and Ronald C. Weigner.**

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 an arrangement of the spiritual “Nobody knows...” by Florence Price. She was born in Little Rock, AR, educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and noted as the first African American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and first to have a composition played by a major orchestra – the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933.

The Chancel Choir anthem returns to one of its favorite anthems from last fall, “Walk in the light”. The original music source dates from 1890 by George Elderkin. Gospel great Thomas Whitfield transcribed and altered the music in 1983, while composer/arranger Brandon Waddles crafted the version sung this morning in 2017. Brandon’s father, Alvin, is a legendary gospel pianist/organist in the Detroit area, and Alvin and I graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy together.

During the offertory, Danny Young sings a stirring arrangement of “His eye is on the sparrow” by Mark Hayes. 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.

The postlude is by Francis Johnson, who was the first African American musician to have his compositions published. “He directed military bands and society dance orchestras, taught music, and performed on the violin and keyed bugle. His early career consisted of performing for balls, parades, and dancing schools. He first became widely known in 1818 when George Willig published Johnson's Collection of New Cotillions. His career flourished in the 1820s, as he performed arrangements of "fashionable" music for most of the major dance functions in Philadelphia.” (Wikipedia)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons
Minister of Music

TODAY'S EVENTS

COMMUNITY

HOUR

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



Church School today will be a one room schoolhouse format with children of all ages together in the Lounge for a variety of activities. Hope to see your children there!

*Join A New
Music Ensemble!!*



Join us as we embark on a new musical journey with the
Silverthorn Handchimes
beginning Thursday, March 10
11 a.m. 12 p.m. in the Meetinghouse.

This is a chance for folks to get to learn about chimes/bells as a new ensemble for our First Church music ministry, particularly for someone that prefers a daytime availability. The group will not have a performance deadline but will learn and grow in skills and an appearance in worship could occur as members feel confident. Music experience (or handbell/chime) isn't necessary, but is helpful.

To share your intent to attend, email Craig Symons at craigs@fccog.org
or voicemail at 203-637-1791 ext 822 before March 6
to give Craig time for assigning chimes and choosing music.

REHEARSALS FOR CHERUB, CHILDREN, & YOUTH CHOIRS RESUME FEBRUARY 27!

After an extended pause for Omicron, our youngest choirs will resume rehearsals on Sunday, February 27. All staff and participants will be masked. During this winter/early spring session, this is a perfect opportunity to explore a bit of singing with these groups.

Times and locations are as follows:

Cherub Choir Kindergarten – 2nd Grade: Carol Woodman, director;
Silver Room (lower level/preschool area) 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Children's Choir 3rd Grade – 6th Grade: Craig Symons, director;
Music Room (3rd floor/choir room area) 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Youth Choir 7th Grade – 12th Grade: Danny Young, director;
Choir Room (3rd floor) 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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