

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 6, 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.

---

Using your smartphone messaging app, text **FCCOG Donate** to **73256** or click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

## PRELUDE

*Talk About A Child*  
Arr. Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart. I sing your praise and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. You have exalted your name and your word above everything.

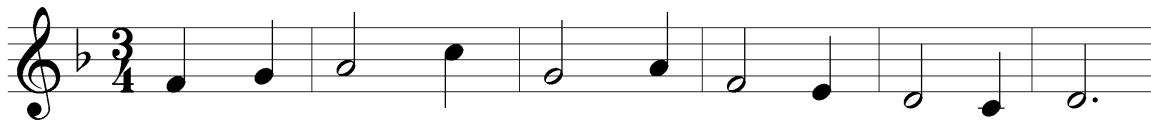
**All: On the day I called, you answered me. You increased my strength of soul.**

One: Though God is high, God regards the lowly; but the haughty God perceives from far away.

**All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies. You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

One: God will fulfill God's purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O God, endures forever.

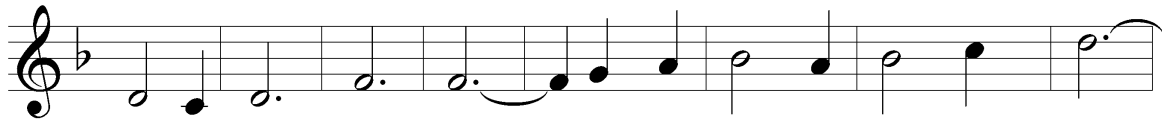
**All: Do not forsake the work of your hands.**



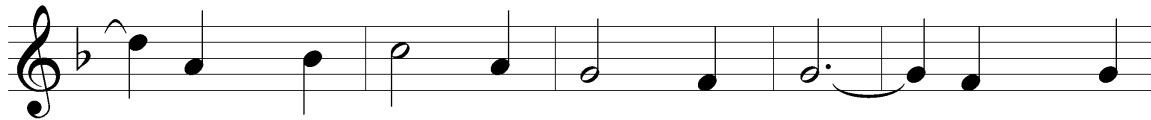
1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but call  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but call  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but call  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but call



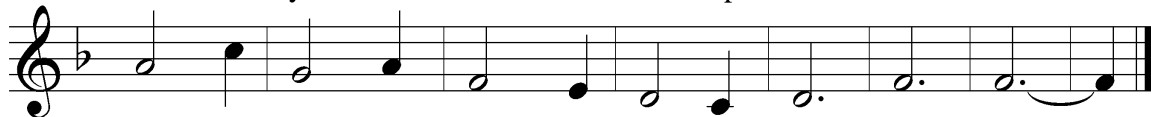
your name? Will you go where you don't know And  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind And  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free And  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side And  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you And



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean  
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



Will you let my name be known, Will you  
 Should your life at - tract or scare? Will you  
 And do such as this un - seen, And ad -  
 To re - shape the world a - round, Through my  
 Where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown In you and you in me?  
 let me an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
 mit to what I mean In you and you in me?  
 sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?  
 move and live and grow In you and you in me.



## UNISON PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

**You call us, wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith. You call us to wander off from our predictable paths to follow you into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom; to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany you into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.**

**As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives, speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our rock; of that grace which is our refuge. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me!*

*Children will return to their seats*

**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

*Psalm 138*  
New International Version  
Al Primo

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.  
When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.  
May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,  
when they hear what you have decreed.  
May they sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for the glory of the Lord is great.  
Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;

with your right hand you save me.  
The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## ANTHEM

*There Is A Balm In Gilead*  
Arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)  
The Chancel Choir  
Carolyn Paulus, soprano

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain; But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
Oh, there is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul; you can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Jeremiah 8:22*

## SECOND LESSON

*Luke 5: 1-11*  
Common English Bible

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## MESSAGE

*Meet Me Halfway*  
Reverend Patrick Collins



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -  
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your  
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## 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

Barbara Norrgard

## OFFERTORY SOLO

*By An' By*

Harry T. Burleigh

Thomas Woodman, bass

*Oh by and by, by and by I'm goin' to lay down this heavy load.*

*I know my robe's goin' to fit me well; I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load;*

*I tried it on at the gates of hell, I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load.*

*Oh, some of these mornin's bright an' fair, I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load;*

*Gonna take-a my wings an' cleave the air, I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load.*

## †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



## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Words of Institution**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

*In the tradition of our church,  
let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) and the cup together,  
remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God,  
and our diversity and unity within the Body of Christ.*

*Those receiving communion are asked to come forward by the center aisle,  
receive the bread and an individual cup, return to your seat by the side aisle,  
where you will consume the bread and juice and put your mask back in place.*

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, the meal has been shared.  
Gracious God, we give thanks for bread for the journey, for your wisdom guiding  
us along the way. May there be friends to share the road as we dare to dream of  
creation renewed, and hope in the promise of justice for all. Amen.**

# †HYMN

## *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

Tune: Winchester New

1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in  
 2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by  
 3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and  
 4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my

all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all  
 you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is  
 kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you  
 soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing

bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.  
 boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.  
 stand to hear and help all those who call on you.  
 join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata In E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*All hymns reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-726454. All rights reserved.*

## MUSIC NOTES

*After a long hiatus, our weekly **Music Notes** segment returns to the Sunday bulletin.*

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. Today's Chancel Choir anthem, "There is a balm in Gilead", is a spiritual whose lyrics can be found in Jeremiah 8:22: "'Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wounds of my [God's] people?'. This arrangement is by William Dawson (1899-1990) and taught at the famous Tuskegee Institute from 1931-1956. I had the privilege of singing with "Uncle Bill", as he was affectionately known, on many occasions when he would spend time with the Wayne State University (Detroit) Men's Glee Club and work on his spirituals with the group.

Tom Woodman will sing an arrangement of "By an' By" by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). Burleigh's career was filled with many performances as a baritone (he was soloist for St. George's Episcopal in Stuyvesant Square in NYC), a composer, and arranger. From Wikipedia: *"In the late 1890s, Burleigh also began to publish his own arrangements of art songs. About 1898, he began to compose his own songs and by the late 1910s, Burleigh was one of America's best-known composers of art songs. Beginning around 1910, Burleigh also worked editing music for G. Ricordi, an Italian music publisher with offices in New York. Through the 1920s and 1930s, Burleigh continued to promote especially the spirituals through publications, lectures, and arrangements. His lifelong advocacy for the spiritual eclipsed his singing career, as well as his arrangements of art songs. He retired in 1946 because of ill health, and his son moved him from Long Island to a retirement home in Stamford, Connecticut, where he died on September 12, 1949."*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons  
Minister of Music*

## TODAY'S EVENTS

**COMMUNITY**  
  
**HOURL**

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, February 13, 2022.





## JANUARY RUMMAGE ROOM HOURS

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

## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

108 Sound Beach Avenue Old Greenwich CT 06870  
203-637-1791 • [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)

### Ministers - All Members Of The First Congregational Church Of Greenwich

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Music  
Faith Formation and Education Coordinator  
Director of Church Administration and Finance  
Parish Nurse  
Church Office Coordinator  
Director of Public Relations  
Livestream Director  
Audio Technician  
Database Administrative Assistant  
Sextons  
Sunday Sexton  
Director of Preschool  
Preschool Administrative Assistant  
Pastors Emeriti

Reverend Patrick Collins  
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons  
Rosemary Lamie  
Steve Summerton  
Susan Asselin, RN  
Wendy Spezzano  
Stephen Lucin  
Daniel Lepoutre  
Bob Small  
Sue Wilder  
Curtis Gay, Qasim Hussaini  
Julio Yika  
Jennifer DiCarlo  
Melanie Garnett  
Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Stiers - Reverend Sally Colegrove



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all