



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday March 6, 2022



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

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

All: **As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

One: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

All: **As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.**

One: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

All: **As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

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.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
New Revised Standard Version
Al Primo

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
The Chancel Choir

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

Liturgy of St. James
Paraphrased; Gerard Moultrie

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4: 1-13
New Revised Standard Version

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

MESSAGE

By Bread Alone
Reverend Patrick Collins

Leader or All A F#m A C#m

1 "I am the bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion;
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

D Esus E

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

A C#m D E/D A C#m

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, who has

F#m F#m/E Bm7 E

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er; you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain All A E A D E

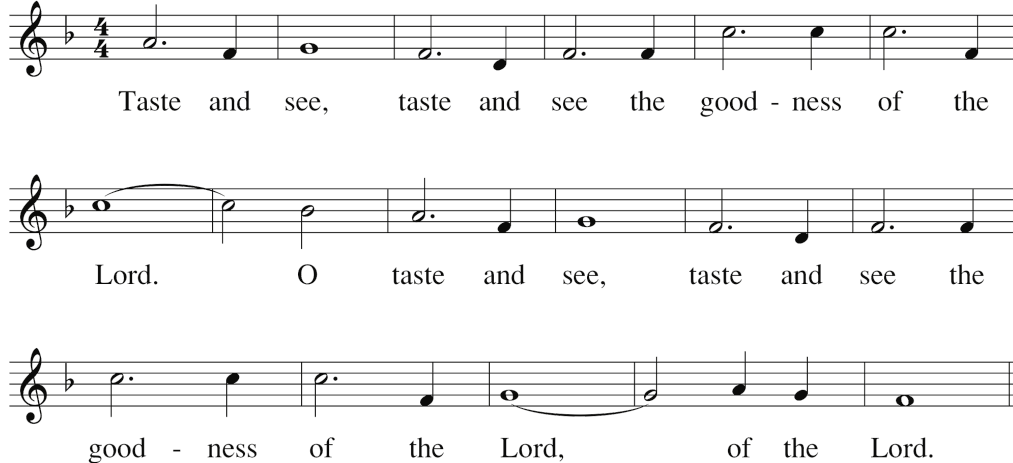
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D Esus E7 A

and I will raise you up on the last day."

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Retrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING


OFFERTORY SOLO

Glory Be To Jesus
Phil Lehenbauer (b. 1960)
Kristen Bodenstein, trombone

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all_ bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low.




Praise God a- bove ye_ hea - ven'ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.


PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN



Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Tune: St. Flavian



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.



BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Psalm 76
Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

COMMUNITY HOUR

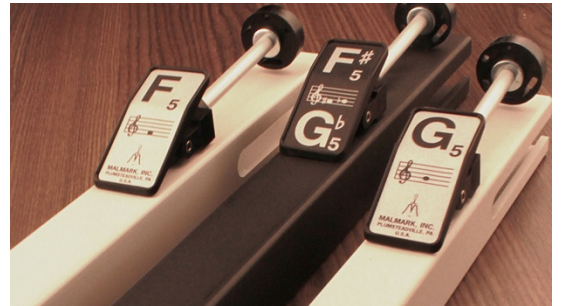
In light of COVID-19,
Community Hour is suspended until further notice.

THIS SUNDAY IS WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES!

Our children will be in church with their families.
Communion will be served and children
are included at their parents' choice.
Join our Livestream on YouTube or Facebook
Regular Church School resumes next Sunday, March 13.



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 today
to give Craig time for assigning chimes and choosing music.

REHEARSALS FOR CHERUB, CHILDREN, & YOUTH CHOIRS

After an extended pause for Omicron, our youngest choirs have resumed rehearsals. All staff and participants are masked. During this winter/early spring session, this is a perfect opportunity to explore a bit of singing with these groups.

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.

ORGAN CONCERT

On **Sunday, March 13, 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Stamford**, members of the Fairfield West chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a concert of the works of Cesar Franck (1822-1890) to celebrate his bicentennial year. Included on the program will be Psalm 150, sung by members of local choirs, including our own Chancel Choir. The program is free and open to the public. If you've never been in the church, affectionately known as "The Fish Church", you owe it to yourself to visit and enjoy a program of wonderful organ and choral music.



LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

Next Week In Worship

Sunday, March 13

Every Sunday in Lent we will experience an element of worship using our bodily senses. Next Sunday we ask that everyone please bring a blanket from home to be blessed by the Pastors as we engage in a practice to feel God's embrace.

Lenten Dinner

Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Auditorium

Join us this Tuesday for a community meal hosted by one of our committees followed by a faith formation and education program on the spiritual practice of yoga. Together, we will learn some of the history and spirituality of the practice, as well as learn a few simple practices you can use every day.

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