

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday April 17, 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

INTROIT

In The Darkness Of The Morning
Adam L. Tice (b. 1979)
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

MULTIMEDIA CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

EASTER PROCESSIONAL

Festival Intrada
Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

†HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today
Tune: Easter Hymn
Arr. James Biery (b. 1956)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

EASTER GREETING

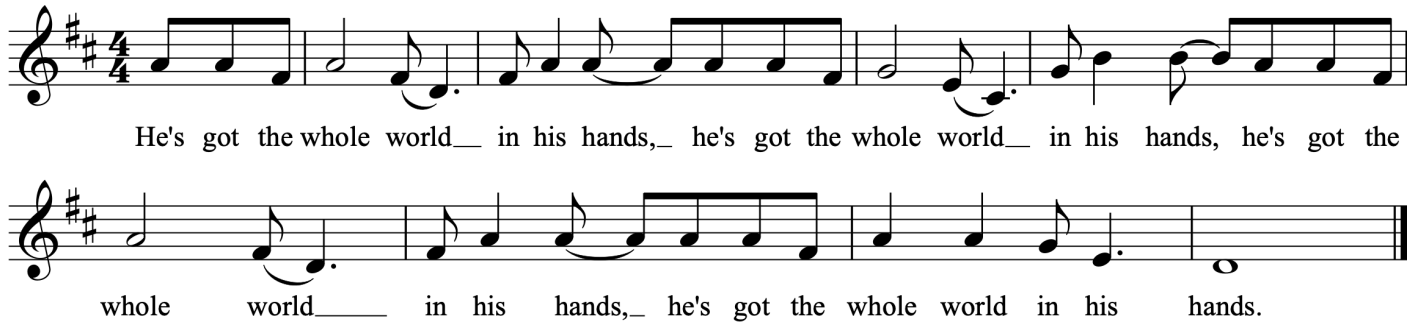
Reverend Patrick Collins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

During the sung response, children will return to their seats.

RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World



SOLO

The Trumpet Shall Sound
(from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Thomas Woodman, bass

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

Common English Bible

Al Primo (9:00 a.m.)

Betsy Kreuter (11:00 a.m.)

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

ANTHEM

Achieved is the Glorious Work
(from *The Creation*)

F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)

The Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24: 1-12
Common English Bible

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words.

When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

MESSAGE

Resurrection All Around Us
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Sing With All The Saints In Glory
Tune: Hymn to Joy
Arr. James Biery

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

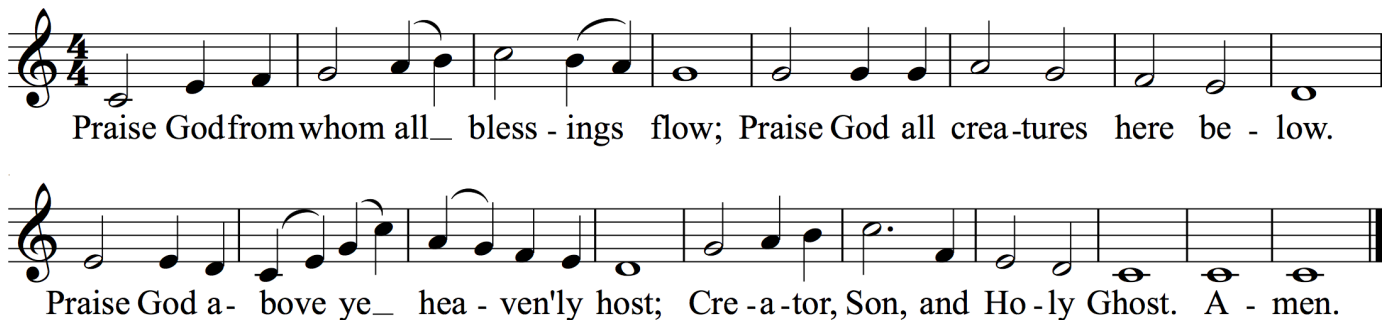
CALL TO OFFERING

Clem Lepoutre

ANTHEM

Christ Our Passover
Will C. Macfarlane (1870-1945)
The Chancel Choir

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

Thine Is The Glory
Tune: Judas Maccabeus
Arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. (Refrain)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

BENEDICTION

EASTER RESPONSE

Hallelujah

G. F. Handel

Congregation, Choir

Music can be found in the rack under the seat in front of you.

Please return it to the rack after use.

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfare

Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)

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BRASS AND PERCUSSION

Trumpets: Anthony Gorusso, Jim Cifelli

French Horn: Debbie Schmidt

Trombones: Steve Shulman, Cliff Haynes

Percussion: Eric Phinney

COVID-19 MASK POLICY UPDATE

The Re-Opening Task Force decided, at a recent meeting, to make masking optional for in-person worship services. Please know that you are welcome to join us for in-person worship if you choose to continue to wear a mask or not. All gatherings at the church are now mask optional. The offices will remain open by appointment only during business hours.

The Re-Opening Task Force will continue to monitor the situation and, if needed, will revisit safety protocols and procedures.

EASTER FLOWER AND BRASS DONATIONS

List reflects donations received through 12 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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Our Heavenly Choir - Richard Vogt,

Seth McCoy, Jake Gardner,

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Debbie Berner, Beth Rollins, Chris Doney



Everyone will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus together in the sanctuary at all services. There is a PrayGround in the right front area of the church which is especially for our children of young ages, but open to anyone who may need a change of scenery or different type of seating. We have art materials available as well as picture books and some playthings. Please feel free to walk about the sanctuary at any time during the service to access this area.

Saturday, April 23rd 11 am to 1 pm We will have a special Earth Day Planting Project at Pilgrim Towers in nearby Stamford. Everyone is invited!



Looking Ahead

Regular Church School resumes next Sunday at 10 a.m. when we will celebrate Earth Day 2022. May 1 is an all ages in worship Sunday. May 8 and 15 are regular Church School Sundays



OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Offering Envelopes have arrived!
They can be picked up in the Narthex.

THE RUMMAGE ROOM

The Rummage Room is currently in need of boys and girls gently used clothing, linens, and women's sweaters and cardigans. Donations accepted Monday through Thursday 11-3.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - They are also searching for a detail-oriented person to assist the treasurer to check register receipts, and match credit card charges/checks with register tape.



COMING IN JUNE

Introducing the

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Weekend Two:

Fri June 10 @7

Sat June 11 @7

Sun June 12 @2

Piano, Film and Opera

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Film Music: Phillippe Petkov, piano

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Woodman, Carolyn Paulus soloists,
and Andrew Gordon, piano

Weekend Three: Conversations and Music

Fri June 17 @7

Bennie Wallace and Doug Davis
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Sat June 18 @7

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR POSITIONS ON CHURCH COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees are the backbone of our congregation lending vital support to the staff to carry out the programs and operations of the church. Please look deep within your heart and nominate yourself, a family member, or a friend.

In turn, service on a committee is an opportunity to give back and bring us all closer together as a community and ultimately to God. Most committees meet once a month on Wednesday evening. The work of the committees is varied and there's something for everyone. Some opportunities for service....

- *Interested in meeting new people, think about joining Welcoming.*
- *Want to make a meaningful connection with members who are experiencing difficult times, the Caring Ministry provides support and resources.*
- *Have some creative ideas on bringing the community together, join Faith Formation.*
- *Enjoy planning activities for children, try the Church School.*
- *Want to do hands-on service, Outreach is the spot for you.*
- *Willing to lend your professional expertise, one of the administrative committees may be for you (Asset Management, Budget, Personnel, Preschool, Stewardship)*
- *Like to participate in worship, join the Diaconate*

Please reach out to us or any member of the Nominating Committee listed below for more information. We look forward to talking with you to share the work of the many committees and finding a good fit for your time and interests.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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