

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Sunday May 29, 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.

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

MASK UPDATE

All gatherings at the church are now mask optional. The offices are open by appointment only during business hours.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

PRELUDE

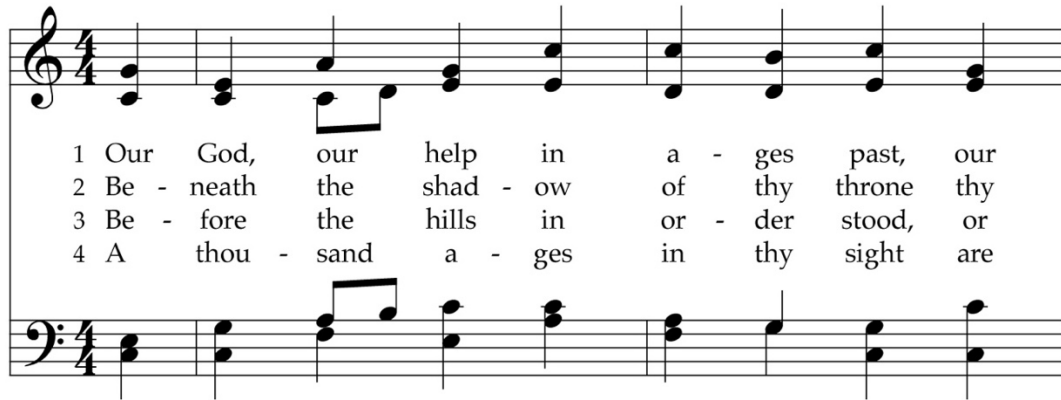
Plein Jeu

Gordon Young (1919-1998)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,
All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

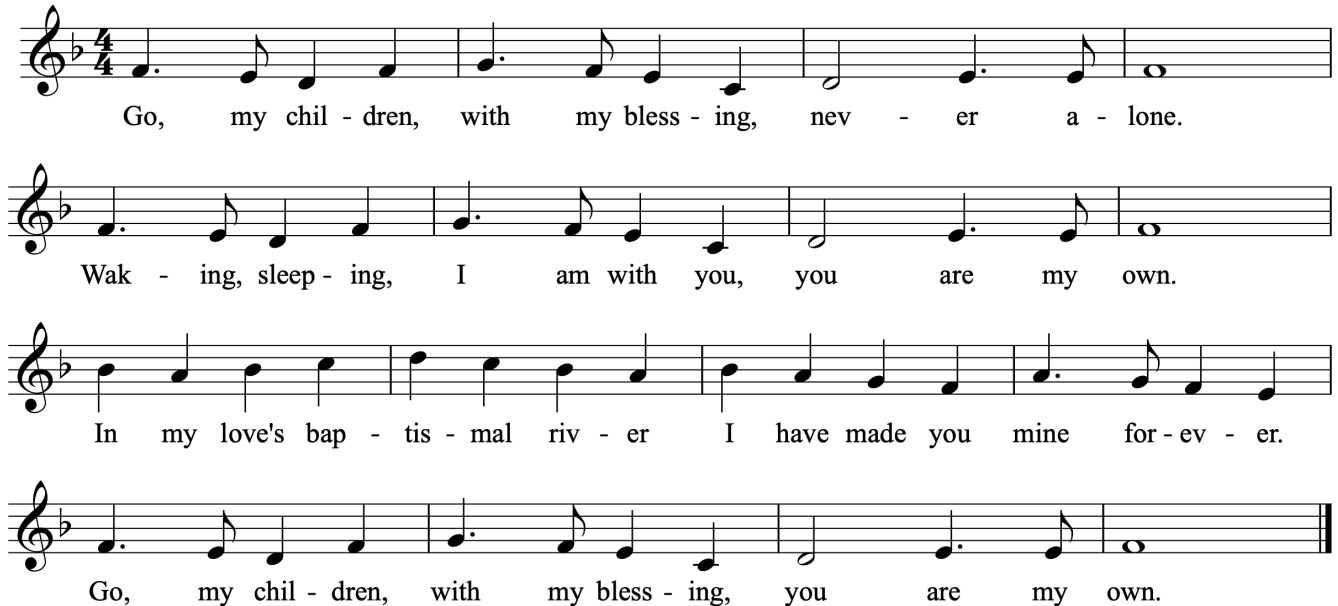
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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

RESPONSE

Go, My Children, With My Blessing



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11
New International Version
Al Primo

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

ANTHEM

Eternal God
Richard Shephard (1949-2021)
The Summer Choir

*Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you;
Eternal God, the joy of the hearts that love you;
Eternal God, the strength of the wills that love you.*

*Grant us so to know you, that we may truly trust you.
Grant us so to love you, that we may freely serve you.
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Prayer of St. Augustine

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 9-10 (selected verses)
Common English Bible

It took twenty years for Solomon to build the two structures, the Lord’s temple and the royal palace.

This is the story of the labor gang that King Solomon put together to build the Lord’s temple and his own palace, as well as the stepped structure, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth-horon, Baalath, and Tamar in the wilderness (within the land), along with all the storage cities that belonged to Solomon, as well as the cities used for storing chariots and cavalry and whatever he wanted to build in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and throughout his kingdom. Any non-Israelite people who remained were forced into slave labor by Solomon. However, Solomon didn’t force the Israelites to work as slaves; instead, they became warriors, his servants, his leaders, his officers, and those in charge of his chariots and cavalry.

When the queen of Sheba heard reports about Solomon, due to the Lord’s name, she came to test him with riddles. Accompanying her to Jerusalem was a huge entourage with camels carrying spices, a large amount of gold, and precious stones. After she arrived, she told Solomon everything that was on her mind.

“The report I heard about your deeds and wisdom when I was still at home is true,” she said to the king. “I didn’t believe it until I came and saw it with my own eyes. In fact, the half of it wasn’t even told to me! You have far more wisdom and wealth than I was told. Your people and these servants who continually serve you and get to listen to your

wisdom are truly happy! Bless the Lord your God because he was pleased to place you on Israel's throne. Because the Lord loved Israel with an eternal love, the Lord made you king to uphold justice and righteousness."

MESSAGE

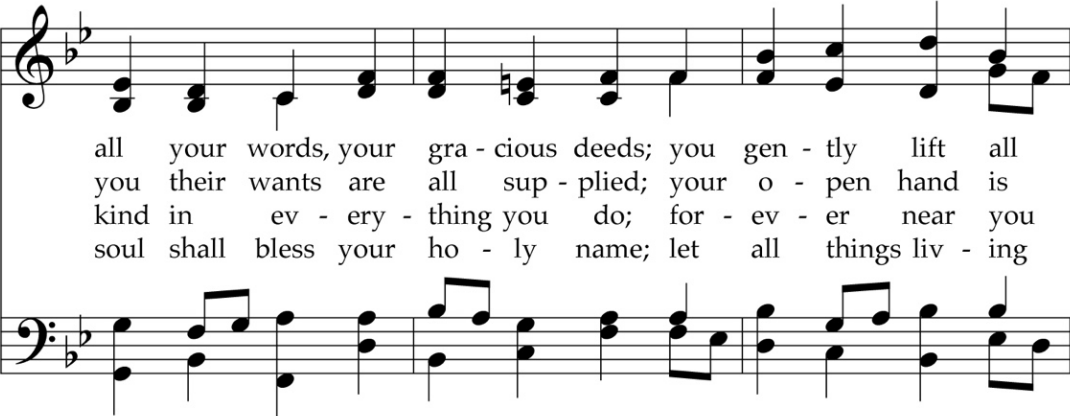
Witness A New Thing
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

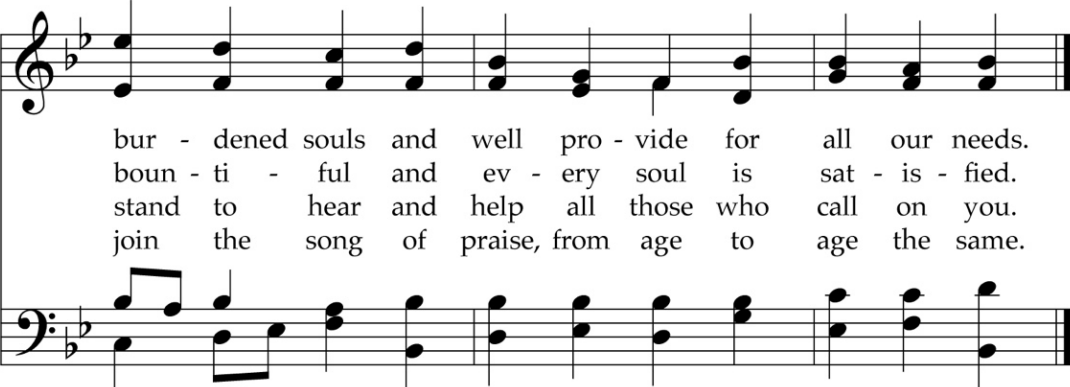
Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure
Tune: Winchester New



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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Meg Dempsey

SOLO

Come, Thou Fount
arr. Tom Trenney (b. 1977)
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

†DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune In D Major
David Johnson (1922-1987)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the
Memory Garden following worship this morning!

Since this is Memorial Day weekend, there will be no Church School. Church School will resume next Sunday when we prepare for Celebration Sunday on June 12.



THE RUMMAGE ROOM



This week the Rummage Room men's business suits, men's shoes, jewelry, women's summer sandals, women's dresses, nice women's handbags, and garden tools.

Donation drop-off times are
Monday – Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SUMMER CHOIR HAS BEGUN!



Please join the choir on Sunday mornings throughout the summer at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that day. Head to

the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the hymns, anthem, bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it also gives you a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. Everyone is welcome and no robes will be worn! If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 822).

FLOWER MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed for the rewarding task of repurposing our Sunday flowers. Occasionally, for Sunday worship services, there are flowers decorating the Chancel. After the service, the flowers are broken down into smaller bouquets and delivered to church members and friends who are experiencing an illness or loss, or perhaps a joyous milestone. Church staff provide the volunteers with the names of suggested recipients. Volunteers can sign up for one week at a time, with no long-term commitment. If you'd like to be part of our volunteer pool, please contact Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse at susana@fccog.org.



FCCOG IS HIRING A PART-TIME PRAYGROUND SUPERVISOR!

Spread the word far and wide to anyone you think might be interested in helping the youngest among us worship in age-appropriate ways on Sunday mornings! Please use the following link for all details, including the attached job description at the end of the listing. <https://www.sneucc.org/classifiedsdetail/part-time-prayground-supervisor-greenwich-ct-16472510>

We are wanting to fill the position quickly, but with the right person, so please don't delay in inquiring!

JUNE 3 -19 - ARPEGGIO MUSIC FESTIVAL

Arpeggio is an ambitious new music festival spanning three weekends in June 2022. Based at First Congregational Church of Greenwich, its inaugural theme is "100 Years of American Music." Nine concerts will feature a breadth of performers and genres. There is truly something for everyone!

The festival kicks off its opening weekend, June 3, 4, 5 and features ensembles, a different one each day.

THIS WEEKEND

Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m. The Deming String Quartet based in Connecticut, plays the much-loved Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber;

works by Thelonius Monk, George Gershwin and film composer Bernard Hermann; and two works by Connecticut composers Charles Ives and Larry Deming.



Saturday, June 4 at 7 p.m., The Chamberlain Brass Quintet
performs works by Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Billy Strayhorn and others.

Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m., Continuo Winds,
a Connecticut-based woodwind quintet, plays works by William Grant Still,
one of America's great early Black composers; Gunther Schuller; Bernstein and Copland.

UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS

JUNE 5 – 10 A.M – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

JUNE 12 – 10 A.M. – CELEBRATION SUNDAY FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

JUNE 26 – 8 A.M. – BEACH SERVICES BEGIN AT GREENWICH POINT

JUNE 26 – 11 A.M. – ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING 10 A.M. WORSHIP

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