

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Sunday May 8, 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.

This morning's flowers on the altar are
in honor and memory of our amazing mom, Virginia Liddel.
With love forever, Bob, Betsy and Joan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

PRELUDE

A Joyful Noise
Alan Viner (b. 1951)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

One: Awake! Rise up!

All: **There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.**

One: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

All: **We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.**

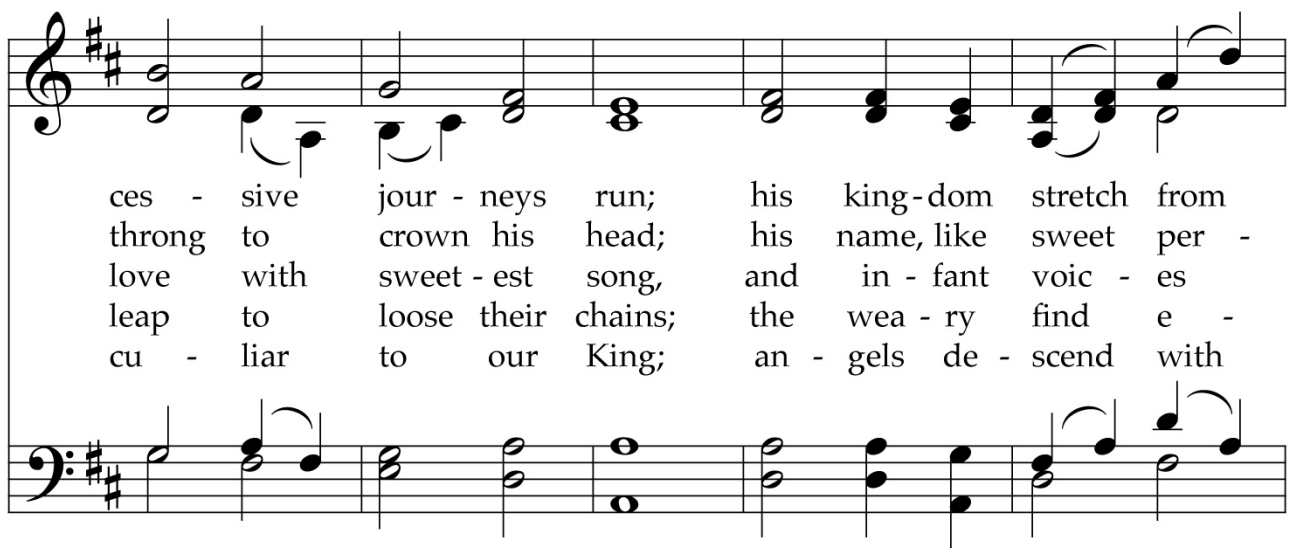
One: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

All: **Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. Amen.**

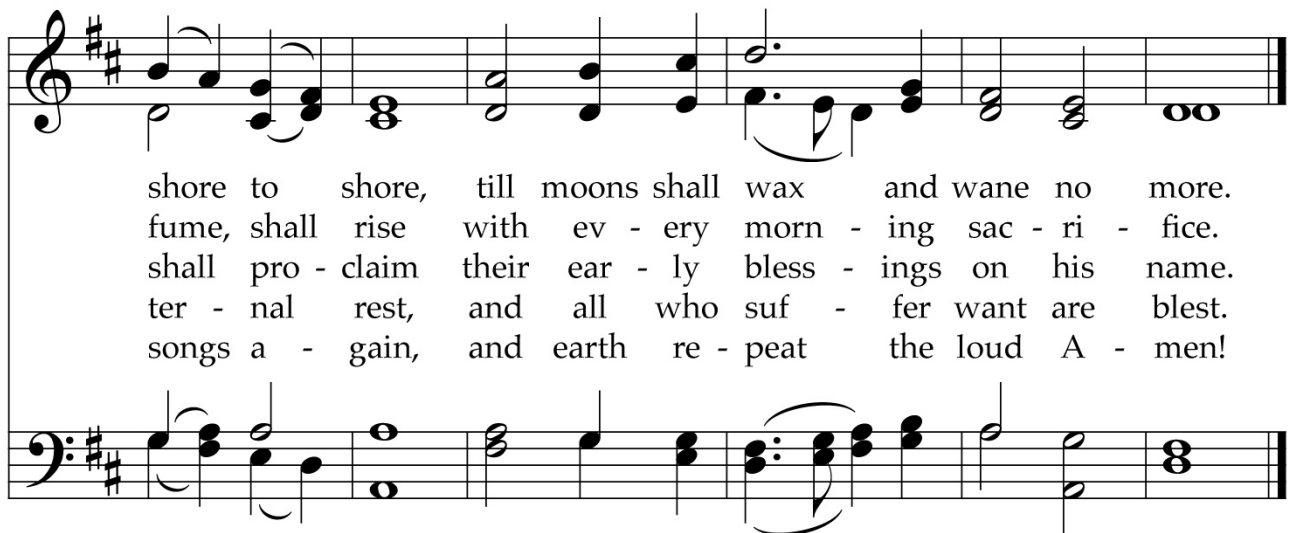
From *Ministry Matters*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. Amen.

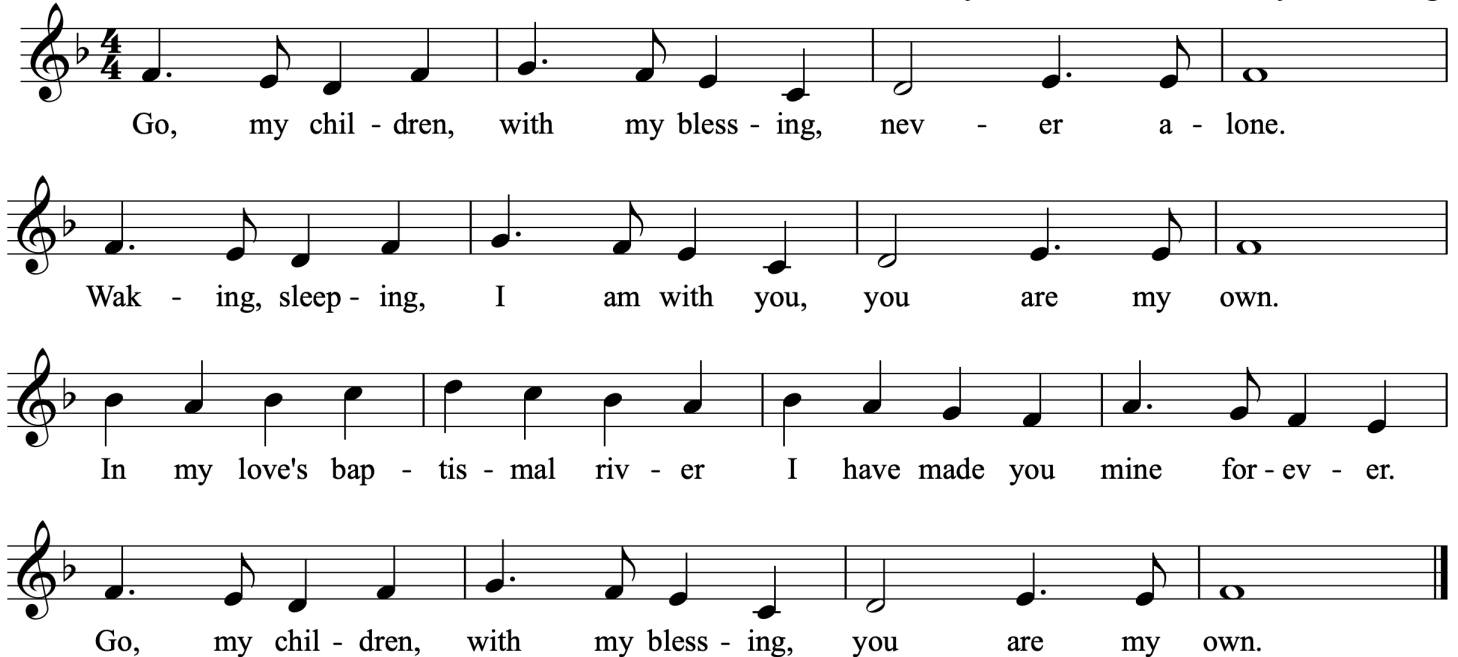
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Patrick Collins

(During the sung response, children are dismissed for Church School)

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

A Litany / Reading Of Psalm 23
Pat Larrabee

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

All: He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. Amen.

ANTHEM

O Praise God In His Holiness
Dudley Buck (1839-1909)
The Chancel Choir

*O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Psalm 150 (with doxology)

SECOND LESSON

Acts 9: 36-42
New International Version

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

MESSAGE

The Spirit Of Tabitha
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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CALL TO OFFERING

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SOLO

Giants In The Sky
Stephen Sondheim (1930-1921)
Linnea Conley, mezzo 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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Jeremiah Clarke (c.1674-1707)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

COMMUNITY HOUR

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

Happy Mother's Day! Children will begin in worship today and go to Church School after the Children's Message.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 15 is a regular Church School Sunday.

Saturday, May 21 is the rescheduled opportunity to do our Annual Spring Planting Project at Pilgrim Towers.

This is an intergenerational event; everyone is welcome!



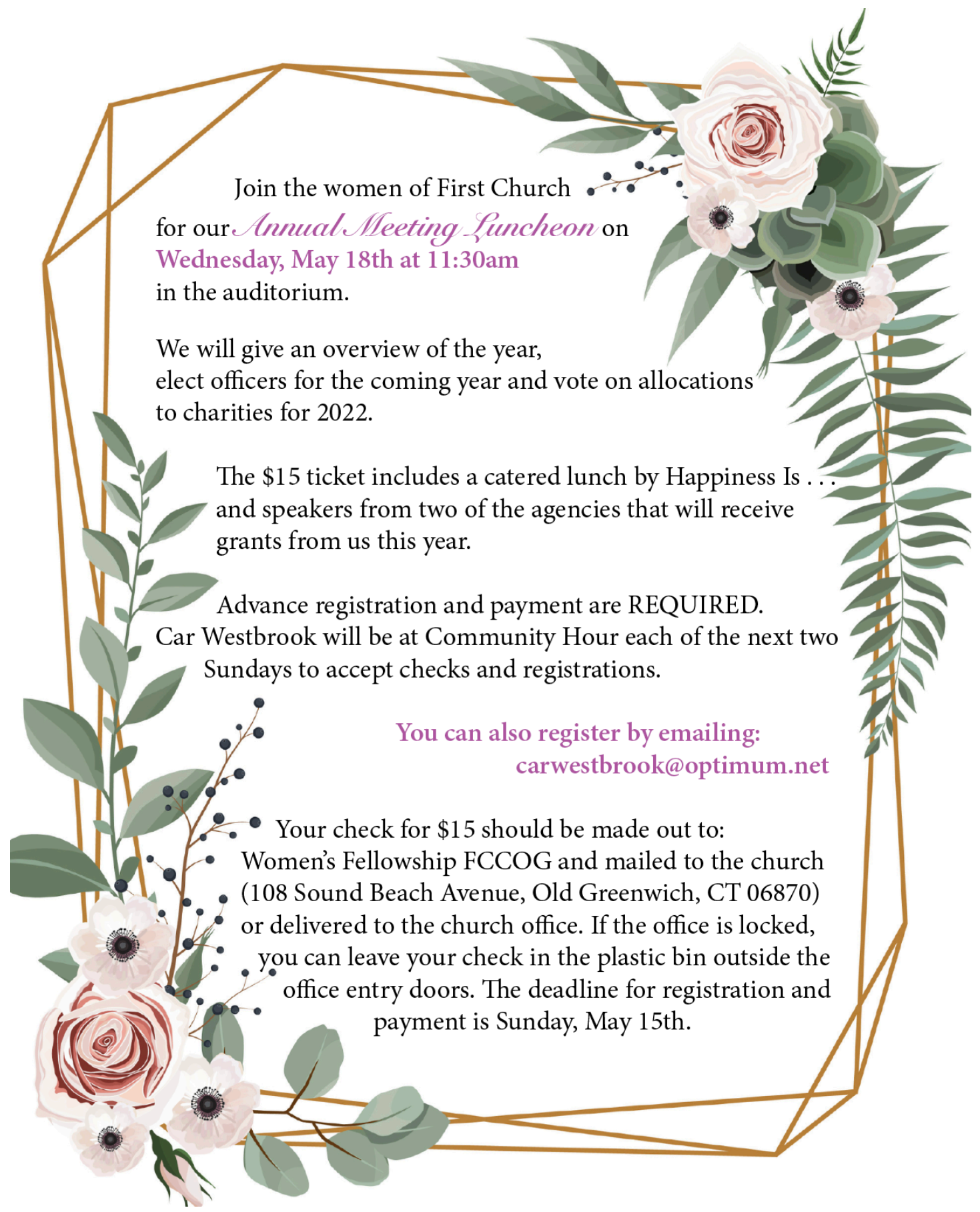
THE RUMMAGE ROOM

The Rummage Room this week is seeking women's purses, children's clothing, small kitchen appliances, and tablecloths.

Volunteer opportunity: The Rummage Room is seeking a person to assist the treasurer with comparing cash register tape with credit card charges. If this may be a good fit for you, please call Erna Olson at 203-656-4349.

LENTEN OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you all for your generous support of our Lenten Project! The Appeal for Ukraine raised \$24,000. We were able to send donations of \$8000 each to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund, International Rescue Committee and Americares. Your wonderful gifts will bring much needed support and medical aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you!



Join the women of First Church
for our *Annual Meeting Luncheon* on
Wednesday, May 18th at 11:30am
in the auditorium.

We will give an overview of the year,
elect officers for the coming year and vote on allocations
to charities for 2022.

The \$15 ticket includes a catered lunch by Happiness Is ...
and speakers from two of the agencies that will receive
grants from us this year.

Advance registration and payment are **REQUIRED**.
Car Westbrook will be at Community Hour each of the next two
Sundays to accept checks and registrations.

You can also register by emailing:
[**carwestbrook@optimum.net**](mailto:carwestbrook@optimum.net)

Your check for \$15 should be made out to:
Women's Fellowship FCCOG and mailed to the church
(108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870)
or delivered to the church office. If the office is locked,
you can leave your check in the plastic bin outside the
office entry doors. The deadline for registration and
payment is Sunday, May 15th.

SAVE THE DATES!

MAY 22 - MUSIC SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, May 22**, for the return of this annual tradition at First Church. Selections by Cherub, Children's, Chancel, and Silverthorn Handchime choirs will highlight this special service. The Chancel Choir will be featuring *Mass in G Major* by Franz Schubert, complete with string quartet and organ accompaniment. Following the service, our Community Hour will be held in the Memory Garden with strawberries, croissants, and whipped cream for all! Take this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors - what better way to introduce them to First Church than with the talents of our members on this special day of music!



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!

Each weekend's concerts have a specific focus and featured performers, including a brass quintet, string quartet, woodwind quintet, 70-piece concert band, solo piano, and operatic singers. Classical, popular, jazz and other genres are showcased.

Composers represented include John Adams, Samuel Barber, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Philip Glass, and Charles Ives, as well as less familiar names -- all American.

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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Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need.

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Psalm 23 The Lord is My Shepherd



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