

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 12, 2022



first
congregational church
of greenwich
founded 1665

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

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Pat Larrabee
Church Clerk

PRELUDE

Allegro
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Tessa Laffan, flute
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: Come, Holy Spirit, and incline our minds to things that are true and just,

All: **things that are pure and pleasing,**

One: things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, and incline our hearts toward you and your everlasting peace.**

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Lord of diversity and union, we call upon you this day to open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of your world. Grant us your peace, cause us to rejoice in you always, make us gentle to everyone, keep us from being anxious about anything, and help us to ask you for what we need, with thanksgiving. And let your peace guard our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANTHEM

I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Andrea Woodman, ukulele

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rosemary Lamie & 3rd Grade Teachers

3rd Grade Teachers: We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

3rd Grade Families: We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

Congregation: We as the congregation are pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

All: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4: 4-9
Common English Bible
Claire Wentworth

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks.

Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

ANTHEM

We Are The Body Of Christ
Emily Lund (b. 1971)
The Summer Choir

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rosemary Lamie

ANTHEM

Praise The Lord For The Spring
The Children's Choir
Vance Briceland, piano

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Rosemary Lamie

*We give our thanks to all who have helped our Church School
in various ways this year, especially our families!*

One: Today, we recognize and affirm all our Church School teachers and helpers with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

All: We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

One: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers, helpers, and volunteers.

All: Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through this gift of presence.

One: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

All: As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers and helpers have given to our children. May their service be blessed, as it is a blessing to our community of faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Quinn Roy, Harper Roy

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.

COMMUNION

For many of our second graders, this special occasion is their first communion in the Meetinghouse. To mark this celebration, those youth will help to lead the congregation through the Communion Liturgy.

Invitation

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Taking of Elements

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread [note, all our bread is gluten-free] as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup [grape juice] until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING

Emmett Collins

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

Arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Summer Choir

†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

RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY

†HYMN

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

BENEDICTION

One: Do what you have learned and received, and seen and heard in Christ, and the peace of God will be with you.
All: **And may that peace, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March
G. F. Handel

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Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.

With special thanks and recognition to all of today's participants and Church School volunteers throughout the year:

Liturgists: Emmett Collins, Harper Roy, Quinn Roy, and Claire Wentworth
Children receiving Communion: Jacob Bodenstein, Alida Elliott-Bocassi, Micah Collins
Ted Lange, Jack Knowles, Adam O'Brien, Liam O'Gorman
3rd graders receiving Bibles: Preston David Gale, Blair Harriss, Blake Harriss,
John Philip Knowles, Ashley Wickham Kovacic, Ian Thomas Charles Marten,
Kellan Caroline O'Connor, Maya Marie Sahrbeck, Abigail Stubbs, Maya Stubbs
Alexis Sterling

Teachers: Kristen Bodenstein, Sarah Cleworth, Jim Gardner, Kristin Knowles, Karin Kovacic, Liz O'Connor, Cara Olmsted, Emma Olmsted, Velma Simon, Sara Stuckey, and Abby Wentworth

High school assistants: Tessa Laffan, Lara Olmsted, Kylie Schneider, Charlie Stuckey;

Church School Task Force: Sarah Cleworth, Donna Hascher (chair), Diane Jenkins, Diane and Paul Kretschmann, Nanette Laffan, Cara Olmsted, Sarah Schneider, Leslie VanDermeer, Karen Vissicchio, Abby Wentworth, Peg Wentworth, and Pastor Cydney Van Dyke

TODAY!

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR
ROSEMARY LAMIE AND
GINNY BREISMEISTER!**

Please join us after worship in the Memory Garden for a special Community Hour after worship to honor and celebrate Rosemary's retirement. Our special time together will also honor and celebrate the retirement of Ginny Breismeister, who retired in 2021 during COVID, when we were not able to gather in person for a well-deserved send-off.



TODAY IS UNDIE SUNDAY!

Did you know that underwear is the most under-donated, and most needed, item of clothing? No one should be deprived of the simple, daily necessity of clean underwear.

Please celebrate **Undie Sunday** with donations of **new** women's panties and bras, **new** men's boxers and briefs, and **new** children's underwear. All sizes for all ages are needed.

A collection bin will also be available in the Church office until June 13 if weekday drop-off is more convenient.

To donate online [click here for the Amazon Wishlist](#)

For more information visit www.theundiesproject.org



UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS

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

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



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!

TODAY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2 P.M.

Tom Woodman, Carol Woodman, and Carolyn Paulus sing excerpts from American operas, accompanied on piano by Andrew Gordon. Works are by John Adams, Leonard Bernstein, Marc Blitzstein, Gian Carlo Menotti, Kurt Weill, and others.

FINAL WEEKEND

June 17-19 is the third and final weekend. The concerts are themed Musical Conversations for Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday the festival concludes with celebratory fanfare brought by a 70-piece concert band.

At 7 p.m., Friday, June 17, Greenwich-based jazz saxophonist Bennie Wallace and California-based composer and pianist Doug Davis, longtime collaborators, discuss the role of improvisation in music and play together to demonstrate their ideas.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, June 18, again features Will Healy (who performed as piano soloist at the June 10 Arpeggio concert), this time as a composer. He talks about the life of a classical composer today and performs his own works as well as ones by his Julliard teacher, John Corigliano, and others.

The final Arpeggio concert is 2 p.m. Sunday June 19, features concert band The Connecticut Symphonic Winds, based in Fairfield. They perform a broad range of pieces written or transcribed for band by American composers including Leonard Bernstein, Howard Hanson, Paul Hindemith, Charles Ives, and others.

**DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE BAND,
THIS CONCERT WILL BE HELD IN THE MEETINGHOUSE**

**The 351st Annual Meeting of the
First Congregational Church of Greenwich,
Old Greenwich, CT, is hereby called for
Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 11:00 am EDT.**

The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse and simultaneously electronically via Zoom.us:

- To approve Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting
- To elect officers for the coming year
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

Members are encouraged to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable. However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, please follow the instructions in the Friday emails. The meeting may be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

Pat Larrabee, Church Clerk



THE RUMMAGE ROOM

This week the Rummage Room ladies scarves, summer handbags, children's shoes, children's clothing, and children's golf clubs.

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 at ext. 822.

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