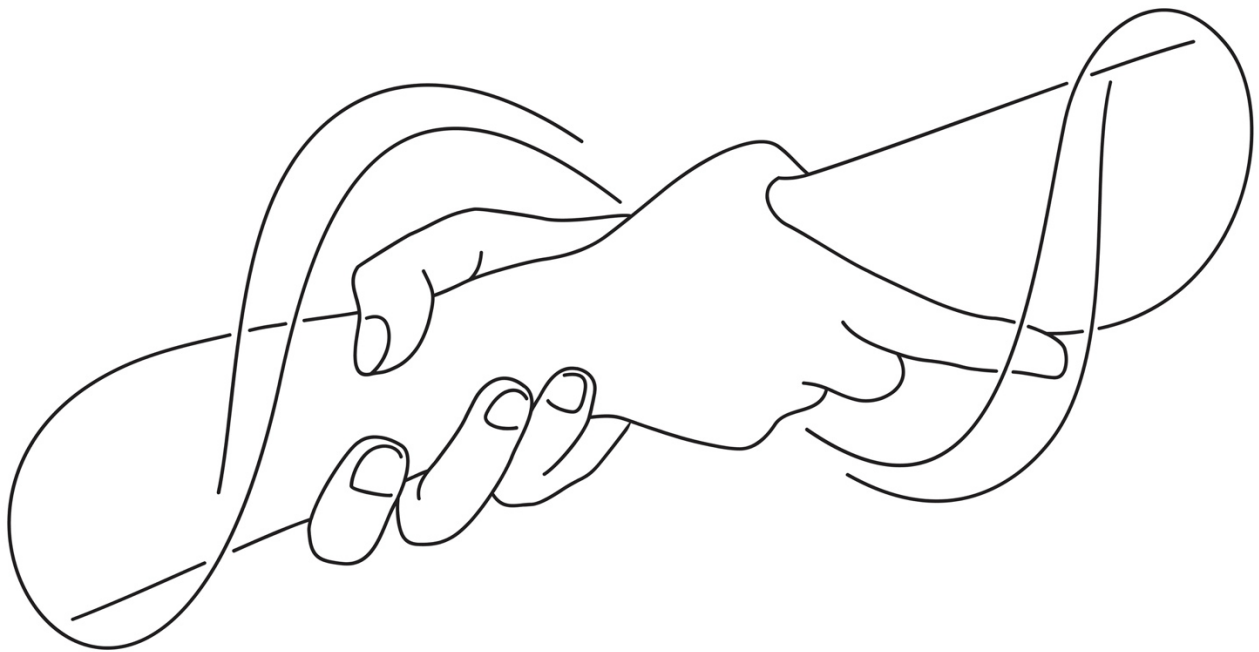


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday June 19, 2022



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

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Pat Larrabee
Church Clerk

PRELUDE

Allegro
Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, pianist

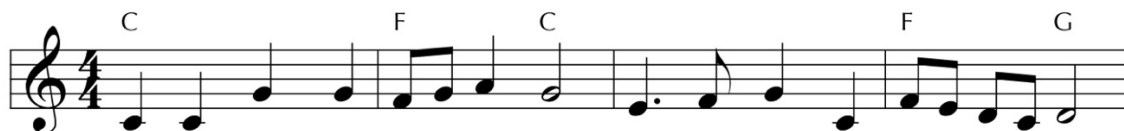
CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:
All: **it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.**
One: When our hearts are cracked open by the drought of doubt:
All: **it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.**
One: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:
All: **it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.**

†HYMN

God Of Great And God Of Small
Tune: God of great and small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, the God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.

Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy. Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment.

May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures, be an exercise in the holiest love making.

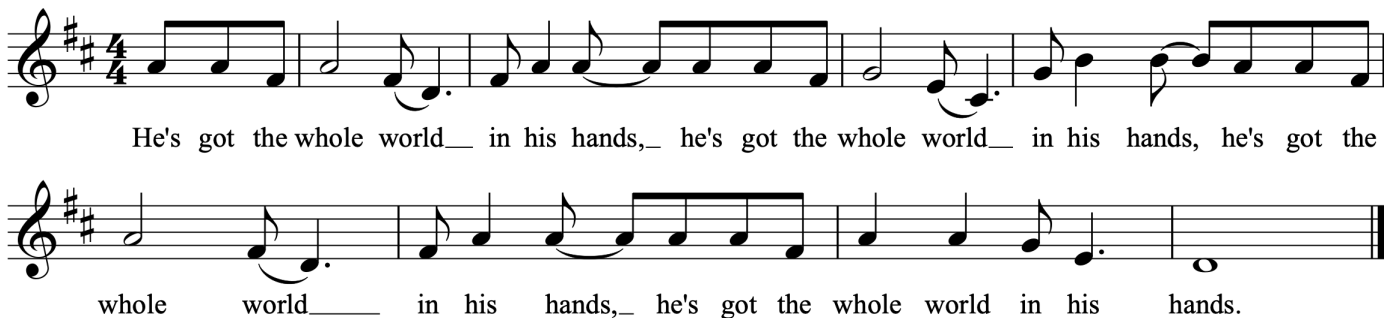
By you, with you and for you, may our lives exalt your praise. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands



FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15
New International Version
Carol Woodman

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

ANTHEM

Awake, Awake To Love And Work
Craig Symons (b. 1962)
The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Luke 8: 26-39
New Revised Standard Version

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

MESSAGE

Salvation Is Social
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

In Christ There Is No East Or West
Tune: McKee

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

† 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

Henry Hull

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

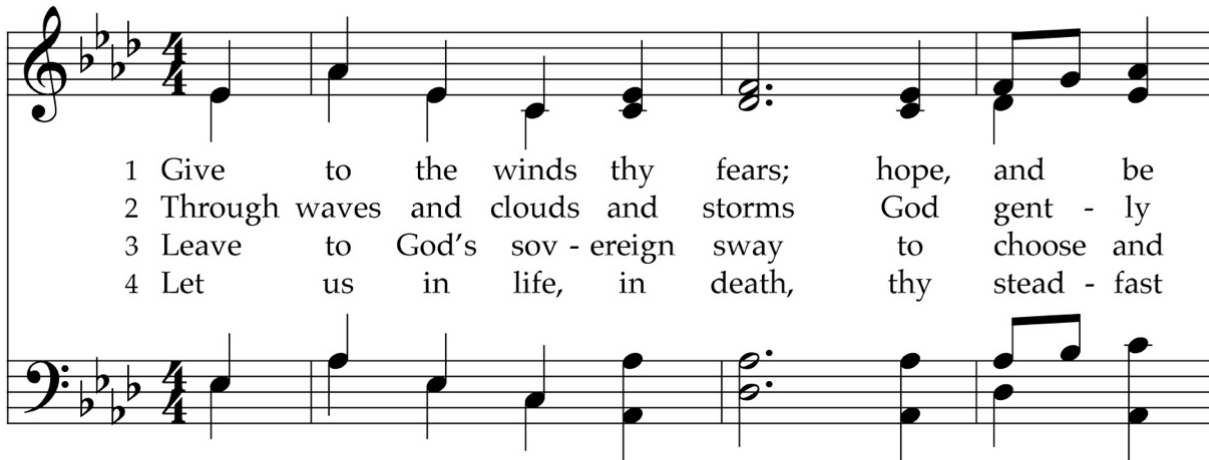
Jesu, The Very Thought Of Thee
Simon Lole (b. 1957)
The Summer Choir

†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



1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast



un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our



counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Sonatine
Johann André (1741-1799)

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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.

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

**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 a.m. 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



CAPITAL REPAIR NEEDS

First Church is facing a few urgent capital repair projects that cannot be financed within the annual budget and for which we need your support.

In order to cover the costs of these urgently needed repairs/replacements, which total \$108,000, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to help fund this expense. Check your recent email or the letter in the mail for full information on these projects.



We are gratified to share with you that we have already received 9 responses from First Church members in the amount of \$24,250!

Understanding that not everyone may be in a position to do so, we trust that most members will find it in their hearts to accept the challenge and make a contribution so as to allow First Church to continue serving as your spiritual home, worthy of this additional investment.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION](#)



ARPEGGIO MUSIC FESTIVAL

The final Arpeggio concert is TODAY at 2 p.m. and 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.

**THIS CONCERT WILL BE
HELD IN THE MEETINGHOUSE**

THE RUMMAGE ROOM



This week the Rummage Room needs a vacuum cleaner, children's shoes, children's golf clubs, women's handbags, men's and women's wallets.

When making a donation to The Rummage Room, please make sure all items are clean and in good condition.

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



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