

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, June 26, 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.

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## 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

*Reflection On A Swedish Folk Tune*  
Arr. Anna Laura Page  
Silverthorn Handchime Quartet  
Car Westbrook, Pat Geismar, Mary Fike, Sally Steinmetz  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, pianist

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: Our God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Give us the ability to speak your truth so that others may hear.

**All: Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.**

One: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

**All: Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.**

One: May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

**All: Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.**

One: Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

**All: Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.**

One: Make us bold to bring light to the dark places, warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.

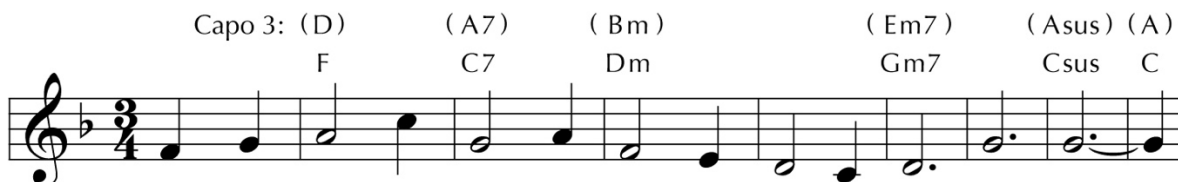
**All: Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.**

One: Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.

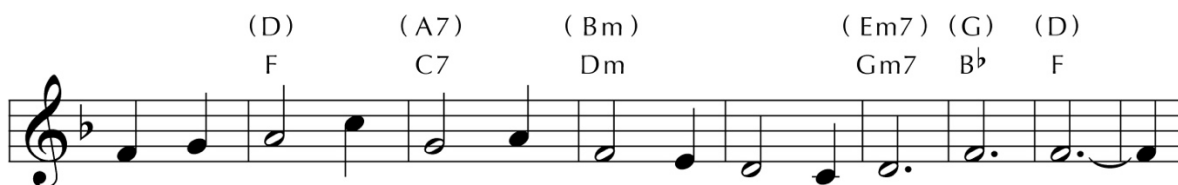
**All: Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.**

One: Our God—we, your people, celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

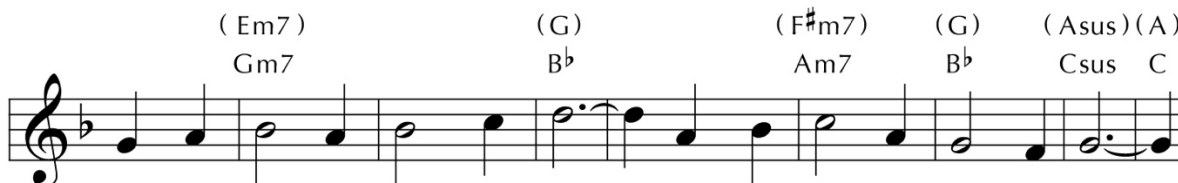




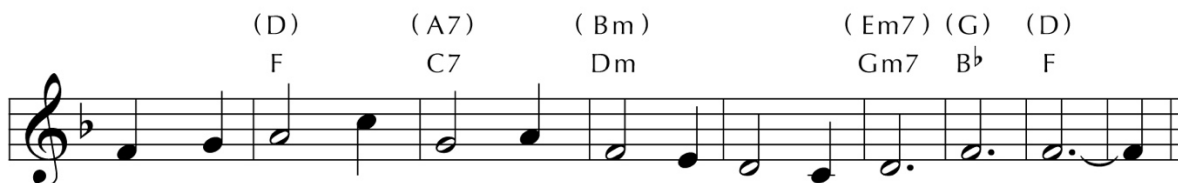
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## †OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT (in Unison)

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

**Our church's mission is to proclaim the gospel to all people and to work for the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and human understanding in all our relationships. We strive through our example to overcome exclusionary practices, discrimination and violence in our society based upon considerations, including but not limited to race, ancestry, age, physical or mental limitations, gender, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and religious background. We commit ourselves to work towards ending hatred, prejudice and discrimination, thereby providing a safe physical, emotional and spiritual haven. As Jesus accepted and included all people, so do we as individuals and as a congregation welcome all who wish to enter our community of faith and invite their participation in the full life of the church. Without exception, we accept each person who joins our community of faith, as an individual and our equal within God's family.**

**Therefore, The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.**

*Adopted by the Congregation in a Special Meeting on March 9, 2003*

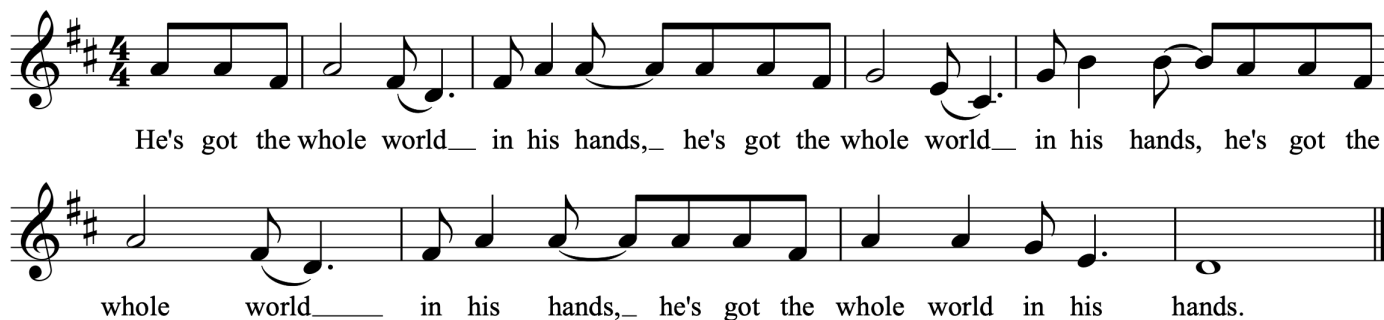
## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

(Children return to their seats during the singing of the response)

## RESPONSE

*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*



He's got the whole world\_\_ in his hands,\_\_ he's got the whole world\_\_ in his hands, he's got the whole world\_\_\_\_ in his hands,\_\_ he's got the whole world in his hands.

## FIRST LESSON

*Galatians 5: 13-25*  
New Revised Standard Version  
Pat Larrabee

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## ANTHEM

*Lauda Anima*  
Mark Andrews (1875 – 1939)  
The Summer Choir

## SECOND LESSON

*Luke 9: 51-62*  
Common English Bible

As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, and they went on to another village.

As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

**MESSAGE**

*Looking Forward*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,  
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

### 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

### ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Adagio*  
Felix Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

### †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

## †HYMN


*Lord, Make Us More Holy*  
Tune: Lord, make us more holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;  
2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;  
3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;  
4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.  
lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.  
pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.  
faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

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## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Praise To The Lord*  
Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

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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.**

**The 351<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT, is hereby called for TODAY 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 needs a vacuum cleaner, men's ties, men's and women's fall sweaters, and women's summer cardigans and sweaters.

Thank you to all who make donations. We couldn't survive without you!

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

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