

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
Sunday June 5, 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.

*Today's flowers are in memory of Rick Woodman and his dedication to teaching confirmation and serving as an advisor for our Senior Pilgrim Fellowship for over thirty years. Given by Carolyn Paulus and their daughters, Stephanie and Gillian Woodman.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

### CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Pat Larrabee  
Church Clerk

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cynthia De Riemer

### PRELUDE

*Rushing Mighty Wind*  
Tammy Waldrop (b. 1958)  
The Palmer Handbell Choir  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

All: **The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.**

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

All: **Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to  
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -  
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

### GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

(During the sung response, children will go to Church School.)

## RESPONSE

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



1 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

*Genesis 11: 1-9*  
New International Version  
Lynn Hawxhurst

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



## ANTHEM

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*  
Charles Callahan (b. 1951)  
The Summer Choir

*God of change and glory, God of time and space, when we fear the future, give to us your grace.  
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.*

### *Refrain*

*Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we  
praise One Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word Known in many ways, hallowing our days.  
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

*God of many colors, God of many signs,  
You have made us different, blessing many kinds.  
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. (Refrain)*

*Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,  
you are still creating endless love and light.  
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. (Refrain)*

*Al Carmines (1973)*

## SECOND LESSON

*Acts 2: 1-21*  
The Message

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

## MESSAGE

*Confirmation Sunday*  
Reverend Patrick Collins  
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

## †HYMN

*Come Down, O Love Divine*  
Tune: Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

† Please rise in body or in spirit



## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

### CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

Matthew Golodinskii  
Julia Gustafsson  
Emma Gustafsson  
Leighton Krueger  
Drew Moore  
Caitlyn O’Gorman  
Ainsley Sahrbeck  
Emma Schneider  
Charlie Smith  
Avery Quake

## PRAYER

## QUESTIONS OF CONFIRMANDS

### QUESTION OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Do you this congregation renew the promises made at baptism, to support these young people in their continued journey of faith? Do you promise to grow with them, to serve beside them, to pray with them, and nurture God’s gifts within them? If so, please say We Do.

All: **We Do!**

## PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

### 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.

## ACT OF CONFIRMATION

### PRESENTATION OF THE CROSSES

*The Jerusalem Cross is bronze and often is worn around the neck. It is one large cross in the center surrounded by four small crosses. The symbolism is that Jesus Christ is Lord over the four corners of the earth, or that the story of Jesus Christ is told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

## PRAYER AND DECLARATION

## CALL TO OFFERING

Lynn Robertson

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Sarabande*  
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

## †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 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*O Come, You Spirit Of Truth*  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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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.**

## COMMUNITY HOUR

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

Next Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> is **Celebration Sunday** for our children their families and the entire congregation. Everyone is invited to bring flowers and greenery from your gardens for our traditional Flower Cross. 2nd graders will participate in the Communion Liturgy with Patrick and Cydney. 3rd graders will receive their personal Bibles. This is the end of church school for this year and there are many special moments planned! Hope to see you there!



## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR ROSEMARY LAMIE AND GINNY BREISMEISTER

Please join us on Celebration Sunday, June 12th, for a special Community Hour after worship to honor and celebrate Rosemary's retirement. The 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. Sharing the celebratory Community Hour with Ginny was important to Rosemary, who felt that it was only right, as they shared much of their time at First Church together, and especially as Ginny was on her search committee 20 years ago.





## 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.



## 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!

## UNDIE SUNDAY IS COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 12!

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 from June 6 – 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](http://www.theundiesproject.org)



## **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!

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

The second weekend of the festival proudly centers the Steinway concert grand piano owned by the celebrated pianist Victor Borge, in solo piano concerts featuring American film music, and in accompaniment to three renowned Connecticut opera singers.

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 7 P.M.**

New York City-based pianist and composer **Will Healy** plays solo works by Amy Beach, William Bolcom, George Gershwin, and others.

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 7 P.M.**

Pianist **Philipp Petkov** performs a program of American film scores by Philip Glass, Bernard Hermann (Hitchcock's favorite composer), Alan Menken, Randy Newman, and John Williams.

#### **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.

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS**

**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**



**The 351<sup>st</sup> 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



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