

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, July 10, 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.

FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

PRELUDE

Andantino
César Franck (1822-1890)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

All: but Christ who chose us,

One: That we are not here because of our goodness

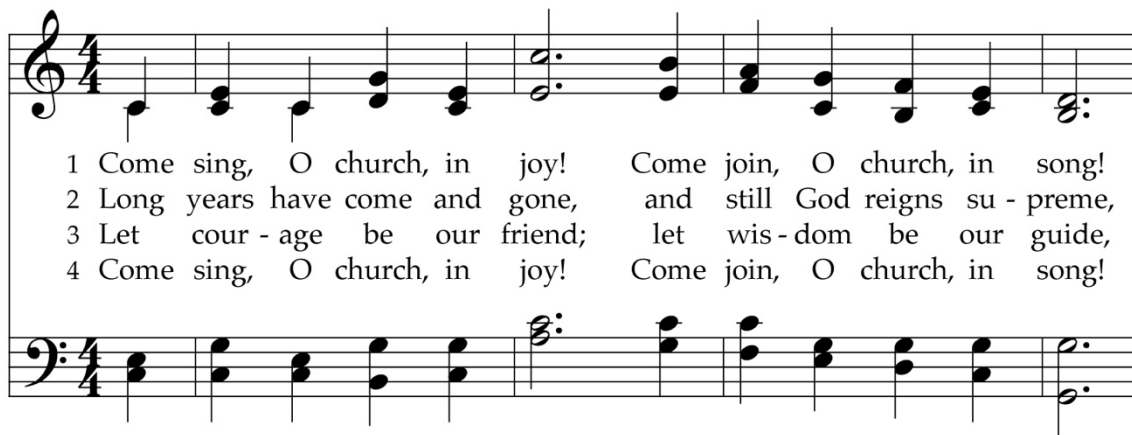
All: but because of Christ's grace,

One: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

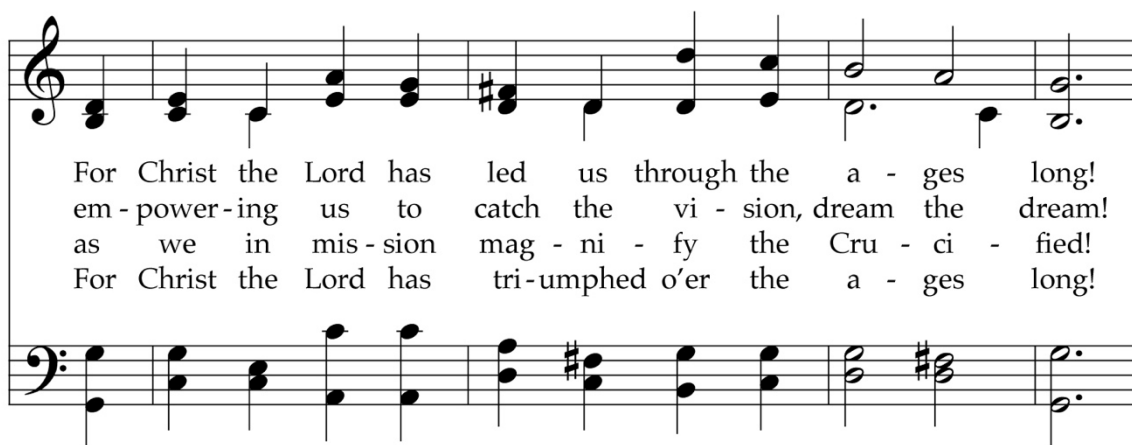
All: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

One: That we have not come to be entertained

All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

PRAYER (in Unison)

Gracious God, we know that you have made us for yourself, to love you and to love our neighbors.

Yet still we cannot help but live for ourselves, and every day we justify ourselves by our own standards, not yours. But Lord, you have found us in the ditch, and you have rescued us.

Now soften our hearts to your will and make us to love others as you have loved us; especially those who are most in need, whom we pass by every day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14
New International Version
Barbara Norrgard

Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

ANTHEM

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

Luke 10: 25-37
Common English Bible

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

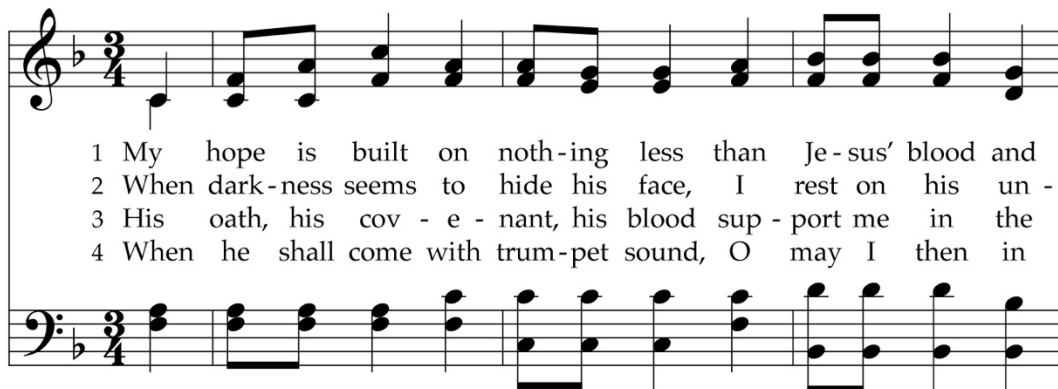
Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.”

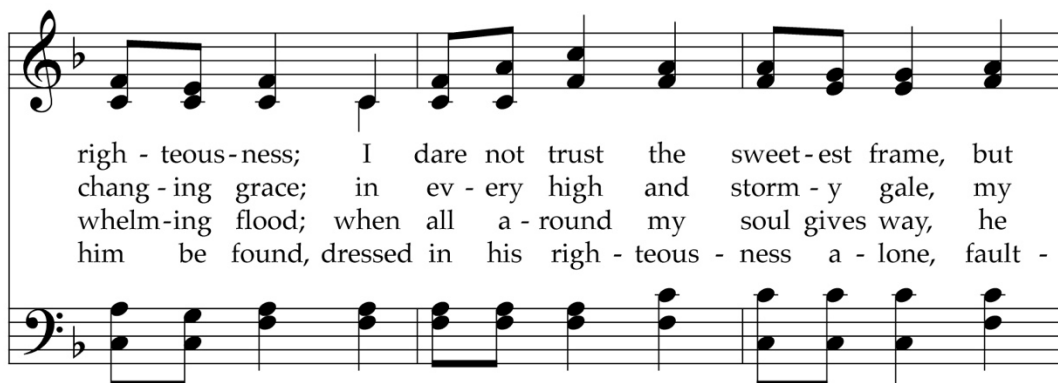
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

MESSAGE

Who Is My Neighbor?
Reverend Patrick Collins

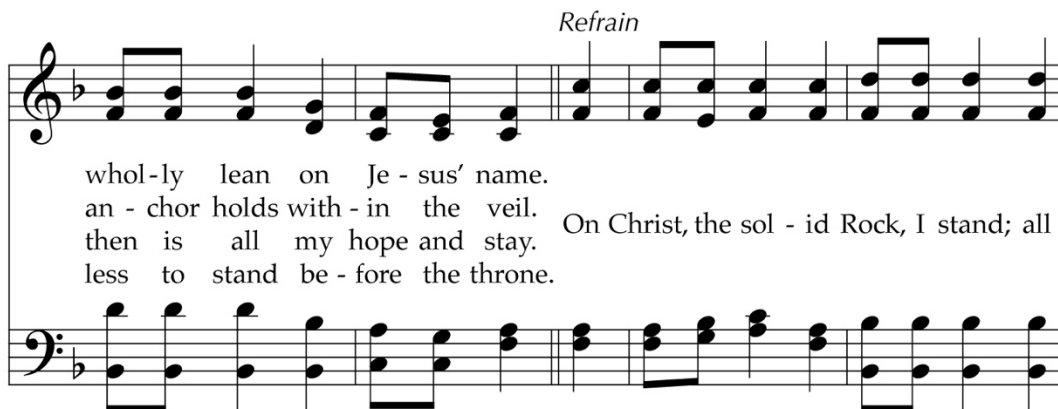


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Mariann Ekernas

OFFERTORY SOLO

A Heaven On Earth

Sally DeFord

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

†DOXOLOGY

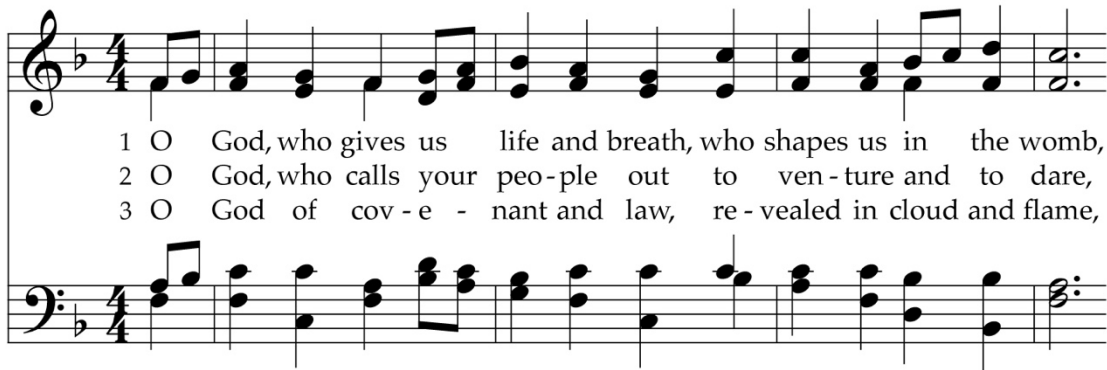
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

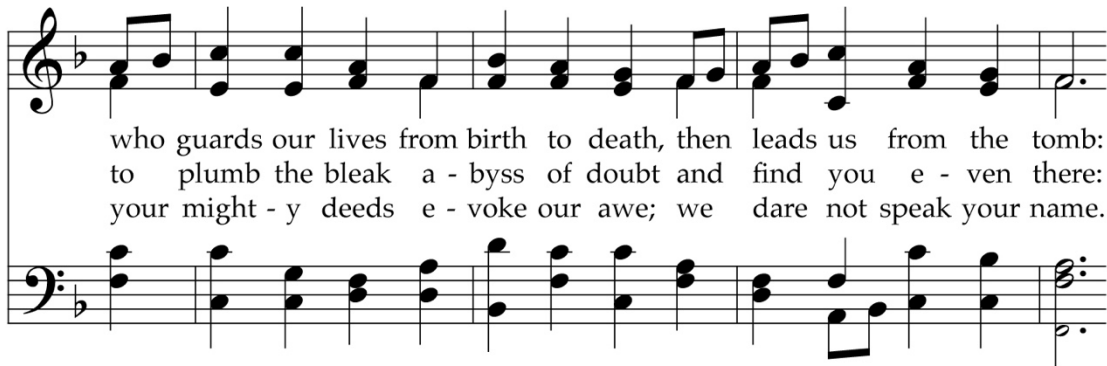
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

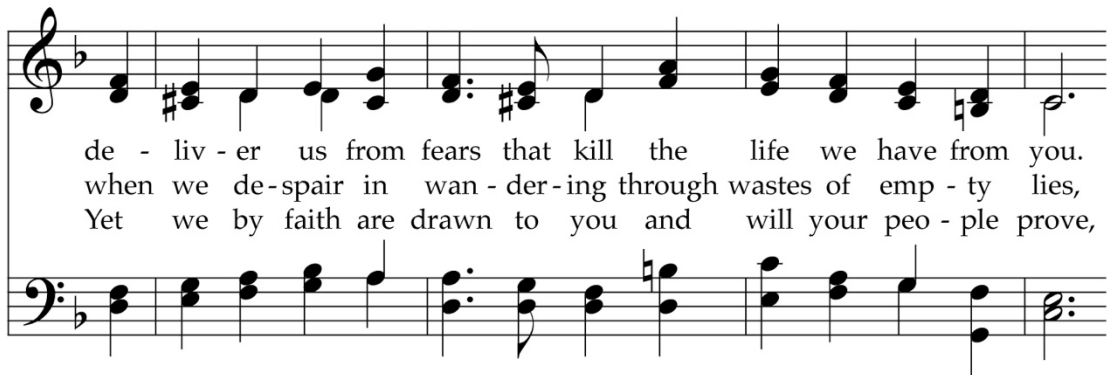
PRAYER OF DEDICATION



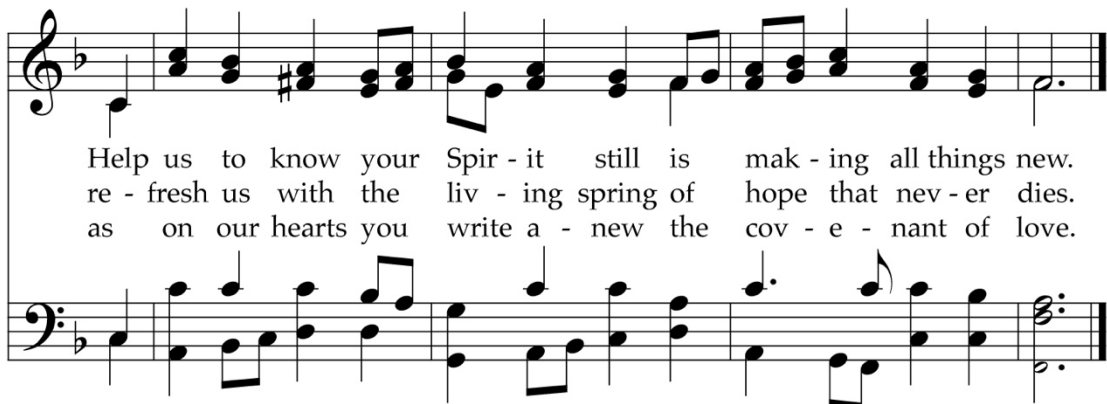
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Quasi Allegro
César Franck

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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.

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

COMMUNITY
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HOUR



SUMMER BEACH SERVICES CONTINUE EACH SUNDAY AT 8 A.M.

Please join us at Tod's/Greenwich Point for early morning worship. You don't have to be a Greenwich resident to attend! Tell the person at the entrance that you're there for First Congregational worship and you'll get in.

In an effort to maintain sanitary practices during the pandemic, you're asked to bring your own "juice" or beverage to signify the blood of Christ. You'll receive a piece of gluten-free bread (body) and you can use your liquid (blood) to partake in our communion service each week.

THE RUMMAGE ROOM

This week the Rummage Room needs men's ties, men's Oxford shirts, toddler clothing, and jewelry.

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.





CALL-A-RIDE GREENWICH FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND MORE

At CALL-A-RIDE, we provide free transportation weekdays for seniors age 60 or over within the Town of Greenwich. Our volunteer drivers also serve to create an atmosphere of understanding and camaraderie aiding seniors toward a full enjoyment of life.

We currently have a roster of some 58 volunteer drivers who cover 24 shifts Monday through Friday each week. Morning shifts run from 8:30 AM-12:15 PM and afternoon shifts run from 12:15 PM to 4:00 PM. Some drivers have regularly committed weekly shifts and others are available on a substitute basis. Drivers must be 25 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license and be approved by C-A-R's automobile insurer. Many current drivers have volunteered with C-A-R for many years and derive a high degree of satisfaction from their service to others through C-A-R.

We are always looking for volunteer drivers – hopefully you will be so inclined and in that event, kindly make initial contact with our office.

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Dispatchers: Ron March, Hilary Gunn
E-mail: call-a-ride@optimum.net

[https://callaridegreenwich.org/our- /](https://callaridegreenwich.org/our-/)



The Welcoming Committee
warmly welcomes you to the

First Church Bring-Your-Own Picnic and Beverages

**Thursday, July 14th
5:30-8:00PM**

The picnic will take place in the Clambake area at Greenwich (Tod's) Point, and there will be signage to direct you to the Clambake area.

All members and their guests are allowed into the Point for the event, regardless of residency.

Dessert will be provided by the
Welcoming Committee,
and there will be games for all ages.

Please feel free to bring a guest.

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD COLLECTION BASKET

Did you know that there is a basket in the Meetinghouse entryway where you can drop off food for Neighbor to Neighbor?

Members of the Outreach Committee regularly take whatever is collected over to N2N to help those in need from the local area.

Tuna, chili, beans, canned fruit, rice, jelly, and other non-perishable items are needed to help stock their pantry.

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