# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, July 17, 2022

# **FOUNDERS DAY**

# **HERITAGE SUNDAY**





Faith First. Love Always.

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 GUIDELINES

All gatherings at the church are mask optional. The offices are open by appointment only during business hours.

# FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

**PRELUDE** 

Be Still My Soul Arr. James D. Kimball (1949-2012) Palmer Handbell Quartet

Debra Silverthorn, Lynn Hawxhurst, Lauren Mickley, Jennifer Gartner

#### FOUNDERS DAY PROCLAMATION

Fred Camillo

First Selectman, Town of Greenwich, CT

Founders Day for the town of Greenwich is celebrated on July 18 because 1640 is when settlers bought land that is now known as Old Greenwich from the local native people. In those days, the law was that one could not have a town without a church first being established.

1665 is the year First Church uses as its founding since it took 25 years to have enough people in town to be able to afford the salary of a minister. The town of Greenwich celebrates July 18, 1640 as the date of its founding.

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are met in the presence of God

All: And we do not meet alone.

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

All: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With our ancestors in faith

All: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With the saints of every age

All: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: We embark on our own journey of faith

All: God's Holy name be praised.

One: God makes of us a great people

All: God's Holy name be praised.

One: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

All: God's Holy name be praised.

One: We journey in the presence of God.

All: And we do not journey alone.

Tune: St. Anne



- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

#### † Please rise in body or in spirit

## PRAYER (in Unison)

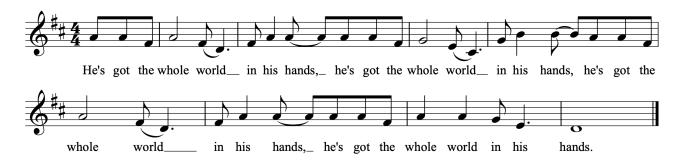
Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

#### **RESPONSE**

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands



#### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 15
New Revised Standard Version
Pat Larrabee

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

To Those Who Came Before Sally DeFord (b.1959) The Summer Choir

To those who came before me in seasons long ago,
To those who are the loved-ones that I have yet to know,
To those whose noble names I bear, whose light within me burns,
To them in gratitude shall my heart be turned.
To those whose lives of courage prepared the way for me,
Whose works became my heritage, whose harvest I may reap,
Who left for me a legacy that I have yet to earn
To them in gratitude shall my heart be turned.
To those who came before me in days and years long past,
To those who are the family that I shall know at last,
Who laid a sure foundation for the truth that I have learned,
To them in gratitude shall my heart be turned.

#### SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1: 15-28
New Revised Standard Version

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

#### †HYMN

# $The \ Church's \ One \ Foundation$

Tune: Aurelia



#### 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

Henry Hull

#### **ORGAN OFFERTORY**

Voluntary In G Minor John Stanley (1712-1786)

#### †DOXOLOGY



† Please rise in body or in spirit

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION

## †**HYMN** Be Thou My Vision

Tune: Slane



† Please rise in body or in spirit

#### BENEDICTION

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

#### **POSTLUDE**

My Hope Is Built Arr. James D. Kimball

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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 First Congregational Church of Greenwich is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more.

<u>1948</u>

Nancy R. Hoffman

1949

Donald Freeman Ruth Gisborne Reed

1950

Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels Dorothy Perna Robertson

<u>1951</u>

Phyllis Carlson Freeman

Gifford Reed

1952

William C. Henry E. William Fossum

<u>1953</u>

John Denne

Claire Gisborne Henry Benito Menegon Lea Menegon

<u>1954</u>

Caralliene Westbrook

1955

Larry Haviland

1956

Lawrence Dickie Betsy Pearson

1957

**Emily Jostrand** 

Donna Magness Gargagliano

1958

Nancy Allen John Cleworth Barbara Hopkins Jane Ann Henry Ives Stanley Rand III

Barbara Van Buren Richmond

1959

Pat Geismar Henry Hull III Carol Mawhinney Darleyne Sandreuter William Sandreuter Mary Starkweather

1960

Ronald Weigner

<u>1961</u>

Patricia Schmitt Martha (Marti) Stisser

1962

H. Kent Atkins

<u>1963</u>

Lynn O'Gorman

1965

Mary Ann Chidsey Robyn Helmer Jonathan Henry Richard Lewis Richard Mawhinney John Norrgard Barbara Norrgard William Savage Irene Savage

Peter Schieferdecker Nettie Schieferdecker

1966

Judy Coleman Stephen Weigner <u>1967</u>

Jean Ayres
Kathryn Davis
Susan Ferris
Charles Field
Prill Meyer
Darlene Moore
Nancy Palamarcuik
Hans Plickert
Sandra Plickert
Laura Pugliese
Barbara Rawn
Harriet Starr
Jack Sweger

1968

Sarah-Anne Colegrove

Jon Hunt
Eric Kreuter
Linnea Stenberg
Jean Watkins
Jerry White
Ruth White

<u>1969</u>

Lucille (Lu) Baldwin John Cleworth Alice Ell

Wayne Jostrand Marilyn Ragland Tom Ragland

1970

Elizabeth Kreuter Andrea Woodman-Osker

<u> 1971</u>

Arthur & Wynne Delmhorst

1972

Robert Goodchild

Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst

Johann Thalheim

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





# SUMMER BEACH SERVICES 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.

#### THE RUMMAGE ROOM

This week the Rummage Room needs cutlery, fall sweaters, men's business shirts.

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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