

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, July 24, 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.

SUPPORTING FIRST CHURCH

Using your smartphone messaging app, text **FCCOG Donate** to **73256** or click [HERE](#) to access the online giving webpage, or scan this QR code to donate.



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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to worship this day.

All: We have come seeking peace and hope.

One: The goodness of God has called us here!

All: We are recipients of God's gracious love.

One: Though weariness and stress have been our constant companions,

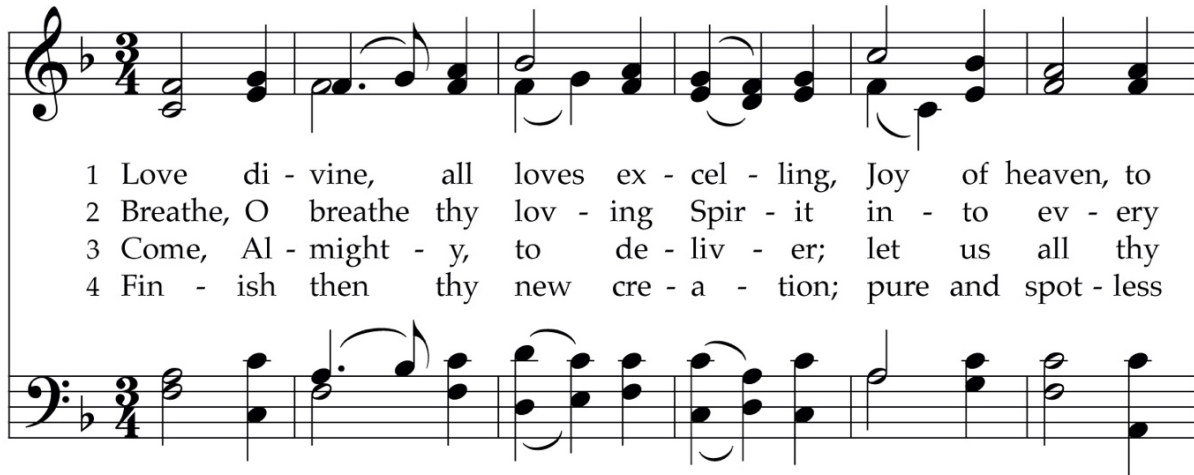
All: We let the love of God wash over us, relieving our stress and weariness.

One: Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits, giving you hope.


All: We praise God for such abundant compassion to us.

One: Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

All: Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

PRAYER (in Unison)

God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise. From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again that you are always present and always ready to receive us. As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn your calling upon our lives. Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a new line of music. The third staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff begins with a new line of music. The lyrics are: 'Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.'

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 2: 6-15
New International Version
Lynn Hawxhurst

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

ANTHEM

Ye Servants Of God
Henry Coleman (1888-1965)
The Summer Choir

*You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.*

*God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.*

Charles Wesley (1744)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 11: 1-13
The Message

One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

So he said, "When you pray, say,
Father,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil."

Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.'

"The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.'

"But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

"Here's what I'm saying:
Ask and you'll get;
Seek and you'll find;
Knock and the door will open.

“Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we’re in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn’t think of such a thing—you’re at least decent to your own children. And don’t you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”

MESSAGE

Jesus Centered Design
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

Somebody’s Knocking At Your Door
Tune: Somebody’s Knockin’



Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door; some - bod - y's

knock-ing at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you

an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.
2 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your
3 An - swer Je - sus.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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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

Steve Weigner

OFFERTORY SOLO

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands
Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)
Carol Woodman, soprano

†DOXOLOGY

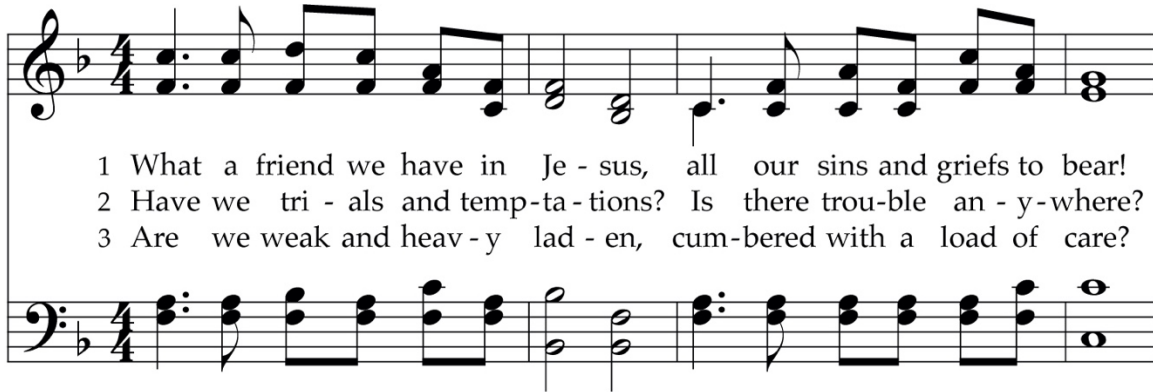
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

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

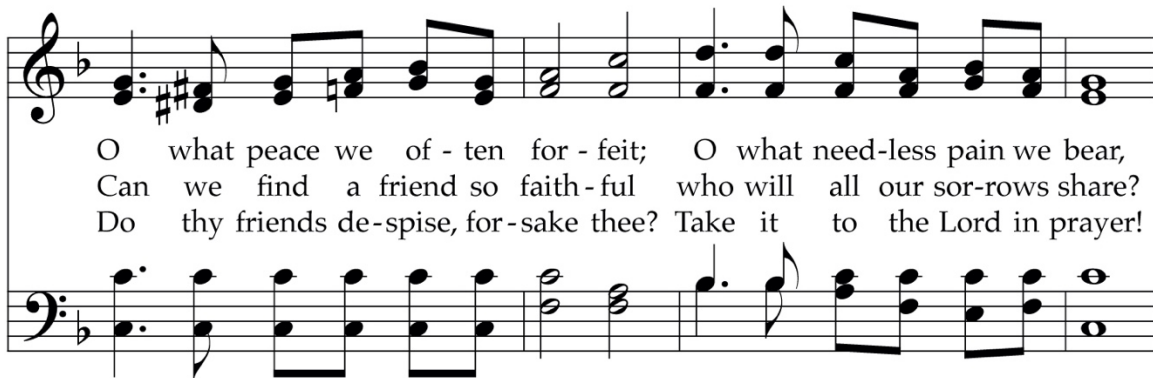
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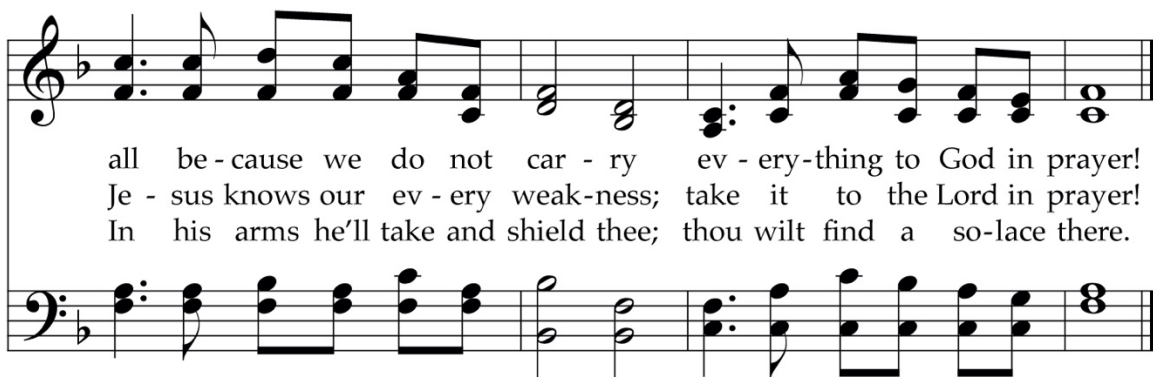
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Scherzo
Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

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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
HOUR**



**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.

