

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, July 31, 2022**



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

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## MEETINGHOUSE FLOWERS



Flowers in the Meetinghouse on Sunday mornings are something we all enjoy. These flowers not only beautify our worship space, but are given to honor very special people or occasions in our lives. In addition to remembering a loved one, you can give flowers in celebration of:

- Marriages
- Anniversaries
- Baptisms
- Birthdays
- To say “congratulations” or “thank you.”

Donors can be an individual or a group.

Consider a Sunday this year when you would like to thank God and honor a special person or memorable moment in your life with a gift of flowers. Mail or drop off your check for \$100 to the Church Office (payable to First Congregational Church) with detailed information on who or what you would like recognized and we'll take care of the rest! Following worship, your flowers can be taken home or will be reorganized into smaller arrangements and distributed to homebound or ill members who would enjoy a token of beauty in their homes. Deadline for donations is *at least 2 weeks in advance of the* Sunday to guarantee floral arrangements.





## 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.



*Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.*

## FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

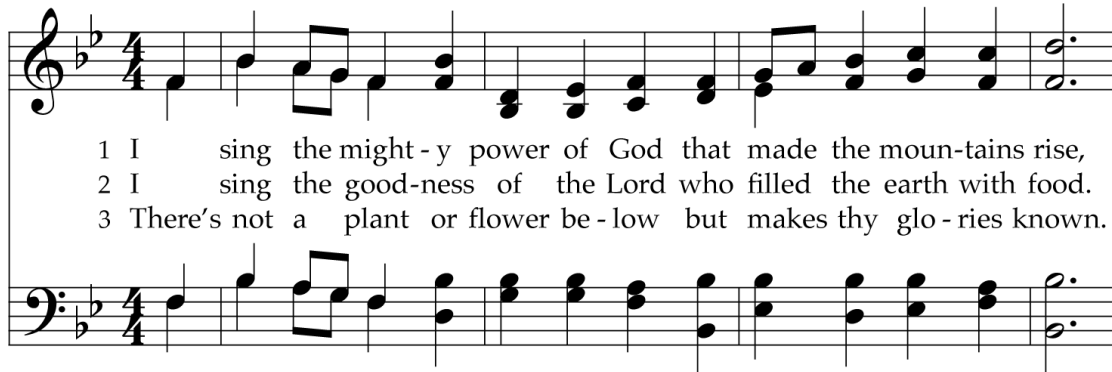
## (BACKWARDS) ORDER OF WORSHIP

### POSTLUDE

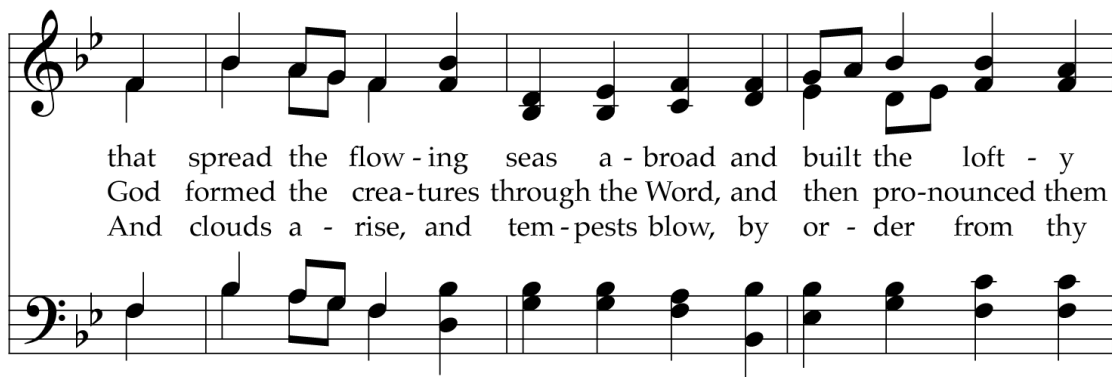
*God Of Grace, And God Of Glory*  
Arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

### CHORAL RESPONSE

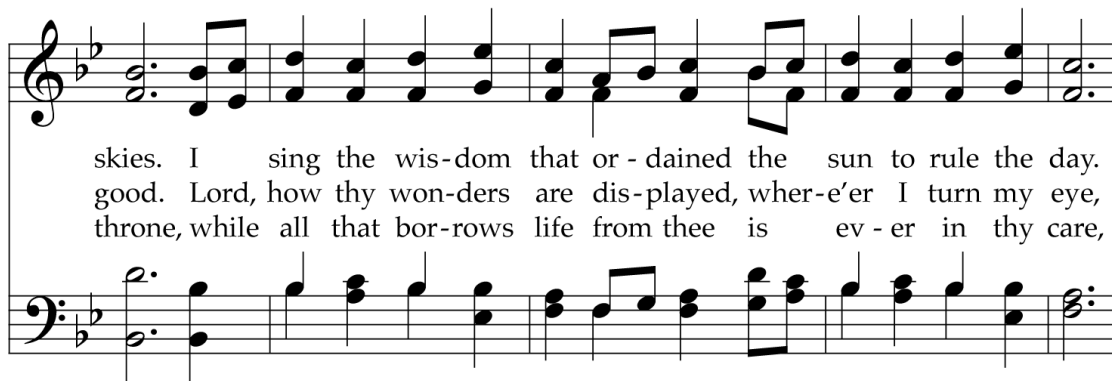
### BENEDICTION



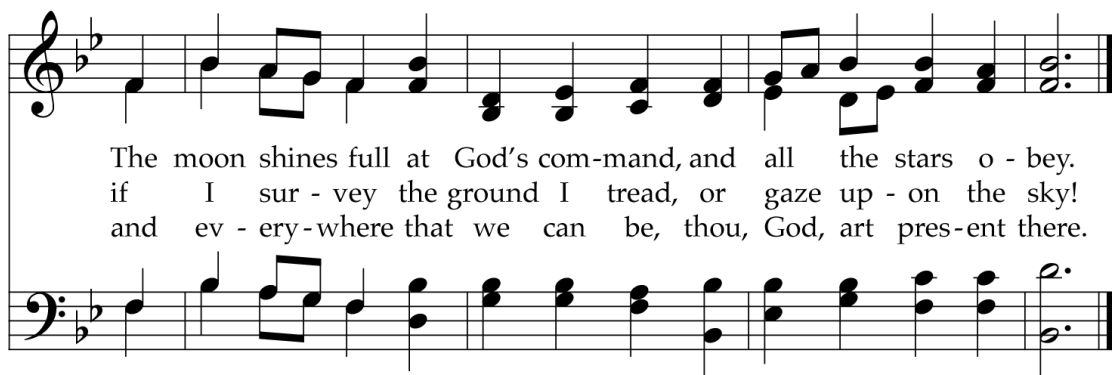
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.



## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### †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

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*I Go On My Way / For The Mountains Shall Depart*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Thomas Woodman, baritone

*I go on my way in the strength of the Lord for Thou art my Lord; and I will suffer for Thy sake.*

*My heart is therefore glad, my glory rejoiceth; and my flesh shall also rest in hope.*

*For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed;*

*but Thy kindness shall not depart from me; neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed.*

*Elijah - Isaiah 54:10*

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

Carol Woodman

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

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## GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 12: 13-21*  
Common English Bible

Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?”

Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.” Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”

## ANTHEM

*Jesu, Joy Of Man’s Desiring*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
The Summer Choir

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring. Soar to uncreated light.*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

*Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;  
Where the flock, in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.*

*Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.*

Martin Jahn (1661)

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Colossians 3: 1-11*  
Common English Bible  
Lynn Robertson

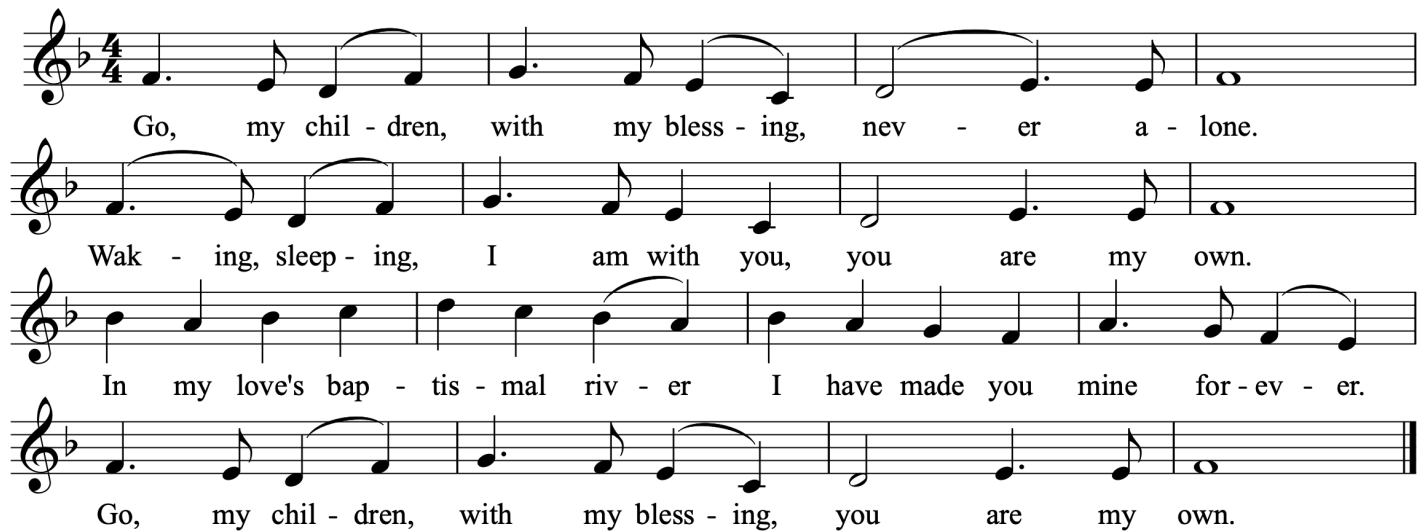
Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God’s right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

## RESPONSE

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

*(during the response, children will come forward to the Chancel steps)*



The musical score is written for four voices on four staves, all in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

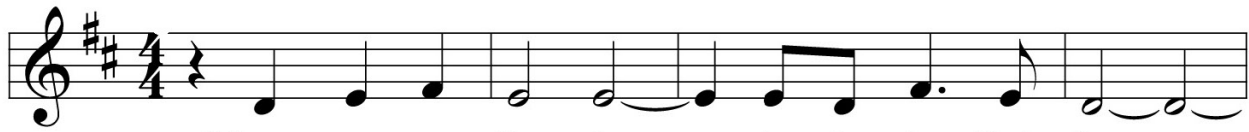
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER (in Unison)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.

Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see that which we have not dared to hope. In your name we pray. Amen



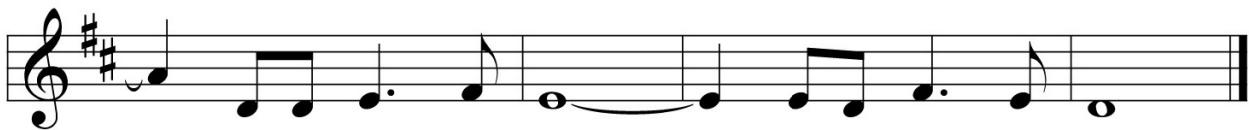
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.  
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,  
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,



we be-long to God; we be-long to God.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has gathered us to this place,  
 All: **where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.**  
 One: God summons us to this place,  
 All: **where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.**  
 One: God will send us from this place,  
 All: **to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.**



## PRELUDE

*Finale*

Alan Viner (1880-1968)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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**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.

## 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.