

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, August 21, 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.



## SUPPORTING FIRST CHURCH

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# FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

## TODAY'S MEETINGHOUSE FLOWERS

*Congratulations to Drew Mohn, graduating from Wentworth Institute of Technology today, August 21, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Manufacturing.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

### PRELUDE

*The Great White Host*  
Egil Hovland (1924-2013)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered together, seeking to know our God;  
All: **With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!**  
One: O God, reach out your hand and touch our mouths,  
All: **That authentic praise may flow freely from our lips.**  
One: Put your words on our tongues, O Lord,  
All: **That we might exalt you with reverence and awe.**  
One: Empower us to speak truth to the nations,  
All: **And to build your kingdom here on earth.**  
One: Come, let us worship the Lord!  
All: **Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit

# †HYMN

## Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Tune: Land of Rest



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## PRAYER (in Unison)

Lord of all creation, we pause before you today, laying our hectic lives on the altar before you. Summer's warmth and rest are almost gone, and our minds are turning to the time ahead: students and educators are thinking about school; farmers are thinking about crops and fall harvests; businesspeople are thinking about profit margins and

quarterly reports; politicians are thinking about elections; retailers are thinking about the holidays.

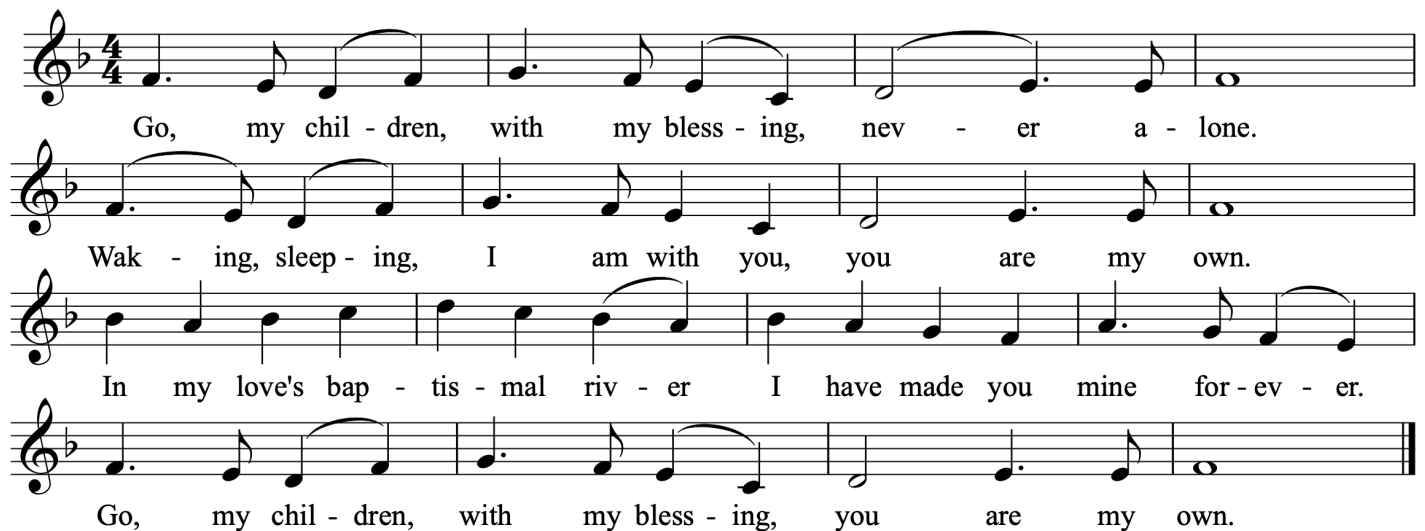
As we bow our heads before you, help us put aside today's worries and tomorrow's fears, that we may worship and revel in your presence today. Heal us through your love, and ready us to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. Amen.

## 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.

## FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 1: 4-10*  
New International Version  
Pat Larrabee

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

## ANTHEM

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*  
David Thorne (b. 1950)  
The Summer Choir

*Christ is our Cornerstone, on him alone we build.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone, Alleluia!*

## SECOND LESSON

*Luke 13: 10-17*  
Common English Bible

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.


The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

## MESSAGE

*The Community Touch*  
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

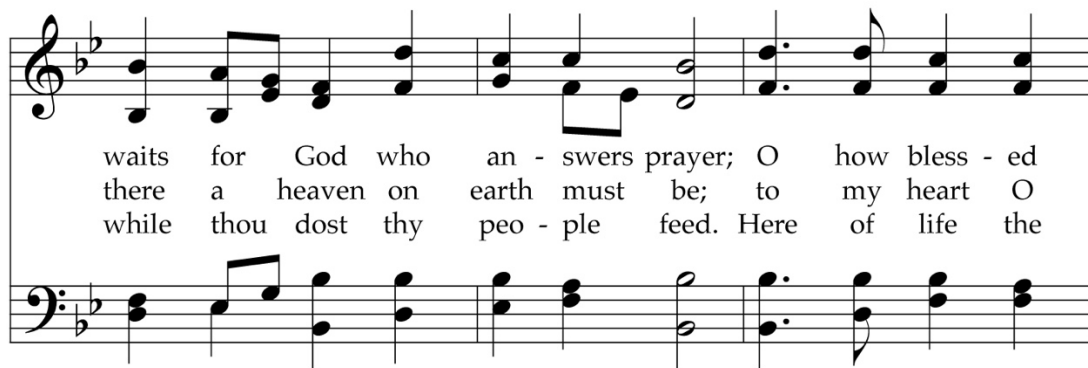




1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,  
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed  
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O  
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.  
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.  
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## 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

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*Anthem Of Praise*  
Sally Deford (b. 1959)  
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 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1868-1940)

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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 back of the Meetinghouse following worship this morning, where our hosts for the month of August are members of the Church Council. Individually wrapped snacks and coffee or tea are served where you can greet each other and continue sharing God's love in an informal atmosphere.

## COMMUNITY HOUR

## 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.

## FINAL SUMMER BEACH SERVICE SEPTEMBER 4 at 8 A.M.



There is **NO BEACH SERVICE** on August 28.  
Our final beach service will be on September 4.  
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 park entrance  
that you're there for First Congregational worship  
and you'll get in.

## THE RUMMAGE ROOM

The Rummage Room is closed for summer break and restocking.

**The Grand Reopening will be Tuesday, September 6th at 11:00 a.m.**

Please do not leave any donations during this time.  
We look forward to accepting donations once the shop reopens.



## SAVE THE DATE!



## HOMEcoming 2022

Sunday, September 11, 2022 | Following Worship

food is provided - burgers, hot dogs, chicken and  
vegan options, as well as salads & dessert  
magician and lots of games



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