

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 2, 2022

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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.



FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle, then pass it back to the center aisle, noting the names of those worshipping near you so you may greet them at the end of worship.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael, Row The Boat Ashore
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Andrea Woodman, ukulele
Lynn Hawxhurst, assistant

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

One: God provides enough. God created each of us as enough. God creates a world of abundance.

All: But our certainty of scarcity, our idolatry of the shiny, and our fears of others prevent us from gratitude, graciousness, and sharing.

One: We live in an abundant world.

All: Our creator makes it so.

One: Move our hearts, lessen our fears in this hour.

All: There is enough for all of us.

One: Praise be to the God of Abundant Love!

All: Praise to the God of Enough!

†HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Tune: St. Thomas



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER (in Unison)

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy. We bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope. We bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.

Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

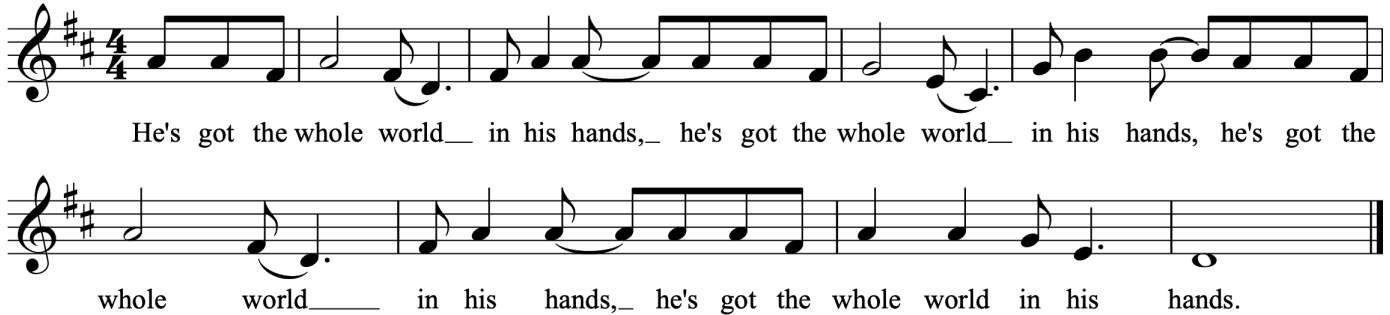
ALL AGES MESSAGE

Manna – What Is It?

(During the response, the children will return to their seats)

RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands



He's got the whole world__ in his hands,_ he's got the whole world__ in his hands, he's got the whole world____ in his hands,_ he's got the whole world in his hands.

FIRST LESSON

John 6:35-44
New International Version
Bill DeHaven

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day."

ANTHEM

Hine Ma Tov
Arr. Allan Naplan
The Chancel Choir
Monte Morgenstern, clarinet

How good it is for all of us to dwell together in peace.

Psalms 133:1

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 16: 1-5
New International Version

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

MESSAGE

What Is It?
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

One Bread, One Body

Tune: One bread, one body

Refrain



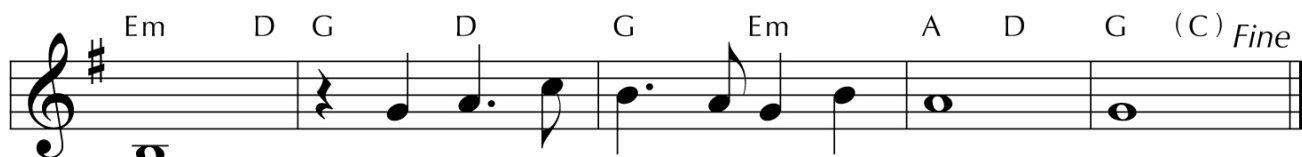
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and



free, wom - an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

† Please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO OFFERING

Donna Hascher
Sarah Schneider

OFFERTORY SOLO

Adoration
Florence Price (1887-1953)
Monte Morgenstern, clarinet

†DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation – (Collection of Elements)

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving of the Elements

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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.

†HYMN

We Are Marching In The Light Of God

Tune: Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude On "We Shall Overcome"
Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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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 following worship this morning, where our hosts for the month of October are members of the Stewardship Committee.



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.

QUARTERLY MEETING TODAY!

The Church Council invites you to attend a Quarterly meeting TODAY, Sunday, October 2nd immediately following the 10 a.m. service in the Meetinghouse and by Zoom.



Updates on the following topics will be provided:

- the 2022-2023 Budget which was referred back to the Council at the June Annual Meeting
- the Church School update
- our Program year (Goals)
- upcoming events sponsored by FCCOG and opportunities to invite friends, neighbors, and family to experience the spirit of our church community

Zoom details were provided in the Friday email blast. We look forward to seeing you.

Clem Lepoutre
Chair, Church Council



CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Church School is back and in the Undercroft (preschool area) once again! And we need your help to make it another great year for our children and youth! Church School is looking for lead teachers, assistant teachers, upper middle school and high school helpers, substitutes, and one-time Helping Hands.

All lessons and supplies will be provided.
No previous teaching experience required.

If you want the children of First Church to learn about God, love, and community, then you're the right person!

Please email Pastor Cydney cydneyv@fccog.org with any questions or interest.

CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

PRAYGROUND: Babies and Toddlers

ORANGE DOOR: 3 and 4 year olds

PURPLE DOOR: PreK and Kindergarten

BLUE DOOR: 1st and 2nd Grades

SILVER DOOR: (formerly Rainbow Door) 3rd & 4th Grades

RICK'S ROOM: 5th and 6th Grades

CELEBRATION SINGERS, & GENESIS CHOIRS REHEARSALS



Celebration Singers

(gr 3-6): Music Room (3rd Floor) 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Craig Symons, director

Genesis Choir

(gr 7-12 and early college ages): Choir Room, 11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
Danny Young, director



FIRST MUSIC & ARTS OPENS A NEW SEASON!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION – FREE-WILL OFFERING



THE SUNDOTS are a baroque pop/rock band founded in Detroit, MI and based in NYC. Their fundamental sonic elements: strong baritone vocal melodies, contrapuntal explorations on piano and guitar, funky electric bass, and powerful rock 'n' roll drums. Their meticulously crafted songs explore the standard universal themes of human existence: love, heartbreak, and fresh fruit. Musical influences from rock, pop, 90s dance, and the Renaissance-Romantic

eras form a melting pot of their sound, creating kaleidoscopic variety while still being undeniably themselves. The trio's energetic and theatrical live act is filled to the brim with grace, quirk, charm, and a healthy dose of baroque 'n' roll.

POSITIVE PARENTING FOR EVERYDAY CHALLENGES

presented by Susan O'Brien LCSW

Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. in the Daniels Center



This program will help parents rethink parenting challenges and provide positive strategies to reduce stress at home. The program will also discuss how to establish family rules that will teach your children to listen and restore family harmony. Sponsored by First Church Preschool.

THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Needs for this week are:

- Thanksgiving items
- boy's clothing 18-24 months
- Winter Coats

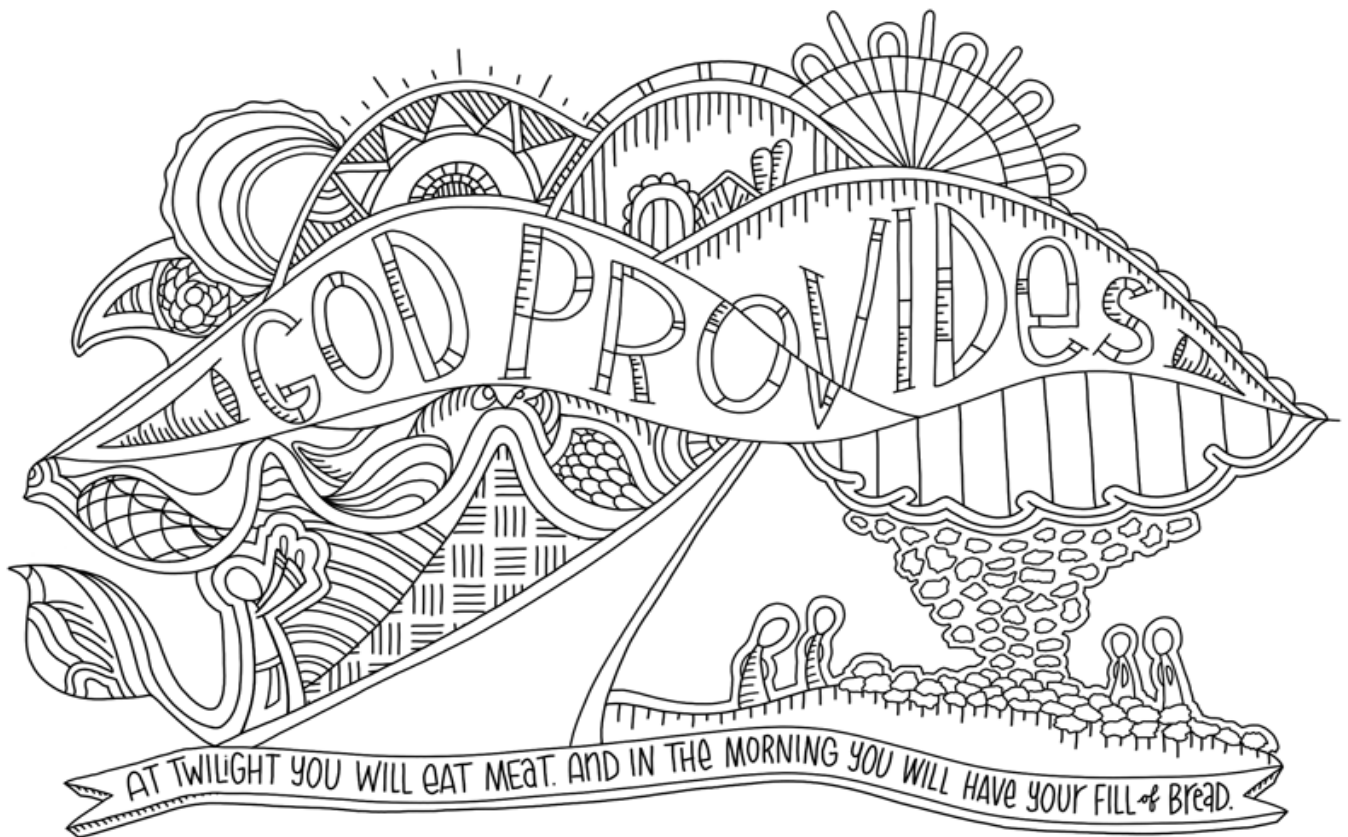
Hours are Monday through Thursday
From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Donations are accepted during those times only.
Please pull around behind the store and drop your items off there.



WORSHIP NOTES

(a place for you to jot thoughts or ideas from worship)



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