

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, September 18, 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.



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# FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

*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.*

### PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune In Bb*  
Robert Lind (b. 1940)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

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 Abraham and Sarah  
**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.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.  
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

## PRAYER (in Unison)

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

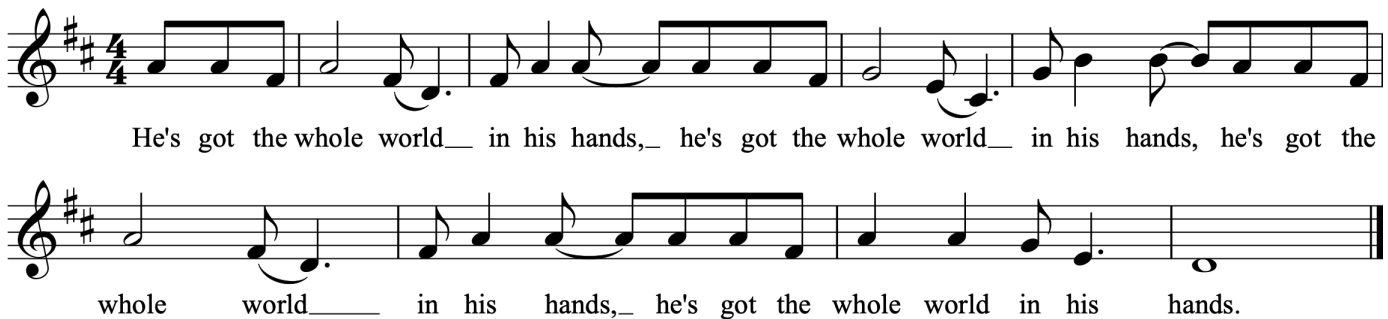
## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

*(During the Response, the children will depart for Church School in the Undercroft)*

## 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

*Matthew 28: 9-10, 16-20*  
New Revised Standard Version  
Barbara Norrgard

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## ANTHEM

*Go Ye Into All The World*  
Eugene Butler (b. 1935)  
The Chancel Choir

*Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature!*  
*Jesus said, "This is the great commandment: that ye love one another as I have loved you.*  
*Greater love hath no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friend."*  
*"Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, If you believe in God, you believe in Me!"*

## SECOND LESSON

*Genesis 12: 1-9*  
New Revised Standard Version

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

## MESSAGE

*Setting A New Path*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN (sing twice)

*From The Rising Of The Sun*

Tune: Rising Sun

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down

of the same, the name of the Lord shall be

praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the

go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be

praised. So praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord. From the

ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,

the name of the Lord shall be praised.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## 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

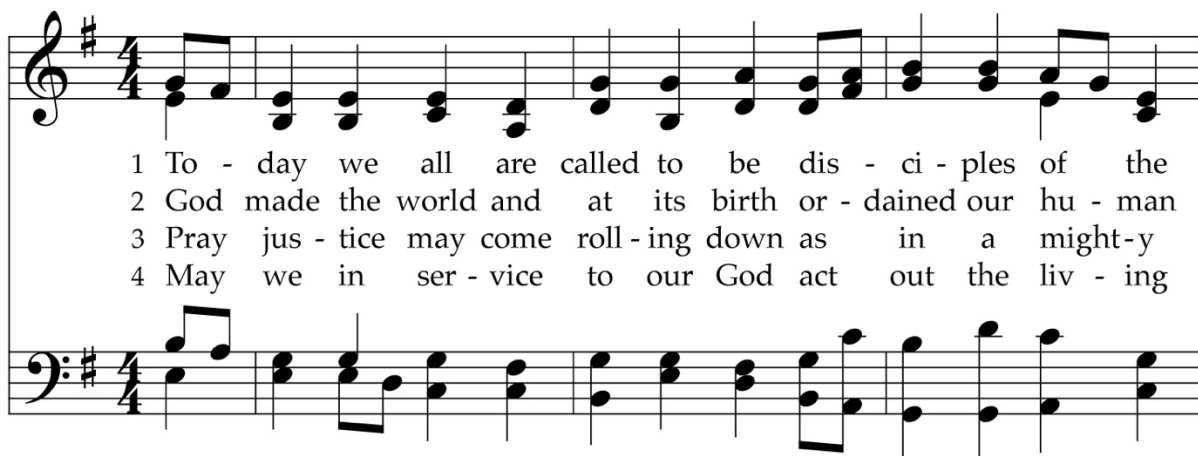
here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

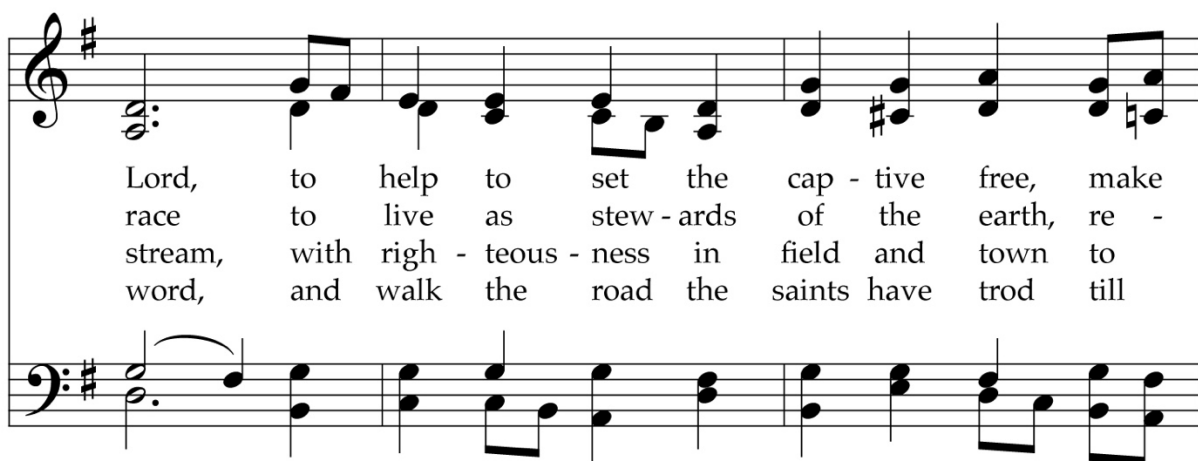
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### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

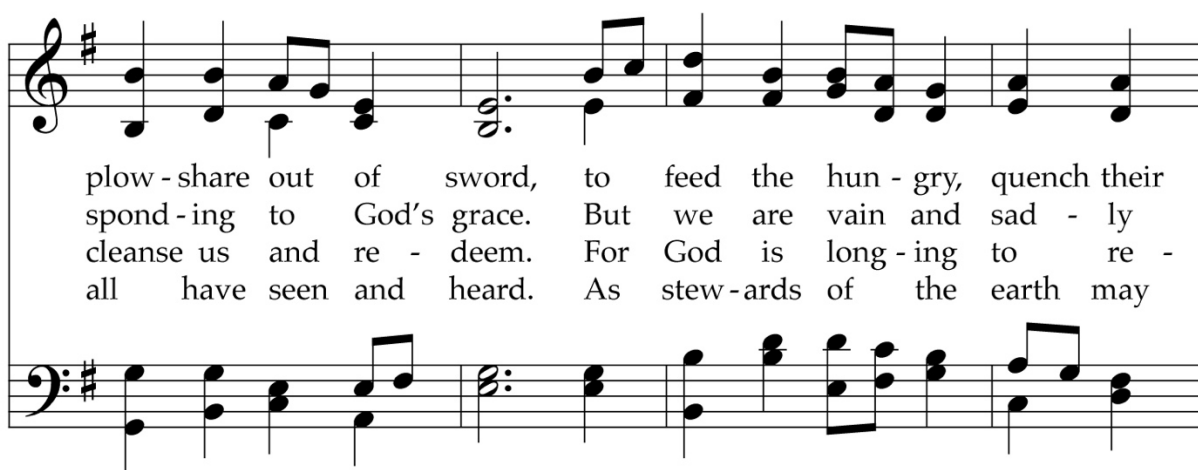




1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Salvation Now Is Come To Earth*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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, where our hosts for the month of September are members of the Asset Management Committee.

## COMMUNITY HOUR

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.



### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES OFFICIALLY BEGIN TODAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH!

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](mailto: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

### CHERUB, CELEBRATION SINGERS, & GENESIS CHOIRS BEGIN TODAY!

**Cherub Choir** (gr K-2): Silver Door (Lower Level), Sundays 11:15-11:45 am

Carol Woodman, director

**Celebration Singers** (gr 3-6): Music Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) Sundays 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Craig Symons, director

**Genesis Choir** (gr 7-12 and early college ages): Choir Room, Sundays 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Danny Young, director



## WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

*Help us push the campaign all the way to the finish line!*



First Church has received 92 pledges, raising nearly **\$102,564** of its much-needed **\$108,000** to cover the costs of a few urgent capital repair projects, including **Meetinghouse AC air handlers** (roughly \$65K), the **Liftavator** (roughly \$19K) and **Slate shingles on the Meetinghouse roof** (roughly \$24K). As always, we need and greatly appreciate the continued support that you show to *your* church and *your* community. Thank you for all that you do!

## CALL-A-RIDE GREENWICH FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND MORE



At CALL-A-RIDE, we provide free transportation weekdays for seniors age 60 or over within the Town of Greenwich. Our volunteer drivers also serve to create an atmosphere of understanding and camaraderie aiding seniors toward a full enjoyment of life.

We currently have a roster of some 58 volunteer drivers who cover 24 shifts Monday through Friday each week. Morning shifts run from 8:30 AM-12:15 PM and afternoon shifts run from 12:15 PM to 4:00 PM. Some drivers have regularly committed weekly shifts and others are available on a substitute basis. Drivers must be 25 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license and be approved by C-A-R's automobile insurer. Many current drivers have volunteered with C-A-R for many years and derive a high degree of satisfaction from their service to others through C-A-R.

We are always looking for volunteer drivers – hopefully you will be so inclined, and in that event, kindly make initial contact with our office.

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**The Church Life mobile app will no longer be available for download in either the Google or Apple app stores beginning November 1, 2022.**



Anyone who already has the app installed can continue using it. However, if you don't have the app installed, or if you uninstall it for any reason, you will not be able to download and reinstall it beginning 11/1/2022.

Individuals can begin using the Web version of the Church Life app by visiting [churchlife.mobi](http://churchlife.mobi) in any browser on a mobile device or on a PC/Mac computer and logging in using current credentials. The [churchlife.mobi](http://churchlife.mobi) looks almost exactly like the mobile app, and will have the same experience when giving online. A shortcut of this can be saved to a mobile device or computer.

With churchlife.mobi, there are some changes to keep in mind. First, while you won't receive push notifications on your phone, you'll still receive email notifications. Second, you won't be able to add contacts directly to your phone, but you can still search for contact information and manually add it.



## **THE RUMMAGE ROOM**

Needs for this week are

- childrens clothing
- mens ties
- winter coats for all

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.

## Draw & Color

Draw a picture of a time you went on a long trip.

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Narrative Lectionary Kid's Bulletin

September 18, 2022

Genesis 12:1-9

## The Call of Abraham

"Abram!" called God.

Abram looked around. "Is that you, God?"

"Yes. I want you to do something."

Abram scratched his head. "What do you want me to do?"

"I want you to take your wife, Sarai, and go far, far away from your home."

"But...why?" Abram asked. It sounded scary.

God's voice was loving. "I want to have a special relationship with you," God said. "I will give you your own country. I will give you kids and grandkids and great-grandkids until there's a whole nation. People will remember your name forever."

Abram was stunned. "Wow! That's amazing! Why would you give me all that?"

"I will bless you because I want you to be a blessing to the whole world. I want you to share my love with everyone."

So Abram went, just as God asked.



### REMEMBER THIS

#### BLESSING

Something that brings happiness or well-being. A gift from God or from one person to another.

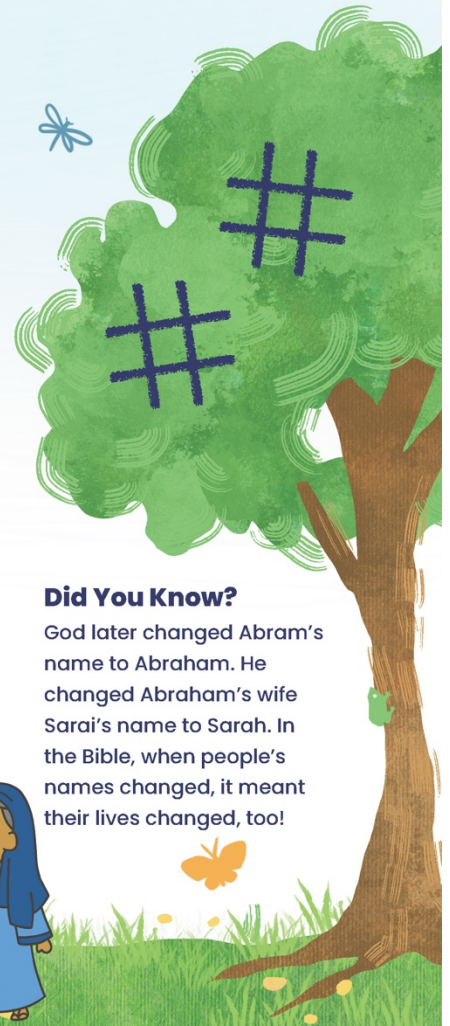
## WORDS OF BLESSING

See how many words you can find about the call of Abraham and Sarah.

R J E S I M O R P O U R  
D E S C E N D A N T S G  
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C Y A A B R A H A M H A  
O S N O T R A S B B I N  
V R D A E I A J L M L D  
E W E F S R O M E N D K  
N T I A A U S N S G R I  
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T L E D H H I M N S I A  
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### WORD LIST

ABRAHAM  
ABRAM  
BLESSED  
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CHILDREN  
COUNTRY  
COVENANT  
DESCENDANTS  
GRANDKIDS  
JOURNEY  
LAND  
NATION  
PROMISE  
RELATIONSHIP  
SARAH  
SARAI  
WIFE



### Did You Know?

God later changed Abram's name to Abraham. He changed Abraham's wife Sarai's name to Sarah. In the Bible, when people's names changed, it meant their lives changed, too!



### TRY IT AT HOME!

Count the ways God has blessed you.  
Make a list of ways you can bless others.



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