

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 25, 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

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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

Amazing Grace
Arr. George Shearing (1919-2011)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus tells us, “Blessed are you

All: When we are persecuted for doing what is right”:

One: God, we find ourselves angry. The world is not fair.

All: We have done our best. We have followed the rules.

One: We have played fair. We have tried to live faithfully.

All: Yet challenges plague us. And we wonder where you are.

One: But Jesus also tells us, “Be full of joy and be glad,

All: Because great is our reward.”

One: Let Joseph’s faithfulness be an example to us:

All: His love for you never failed.

One: Though he was sold as a slave,

All: And thrown into prison for a crime he didn’t commit.

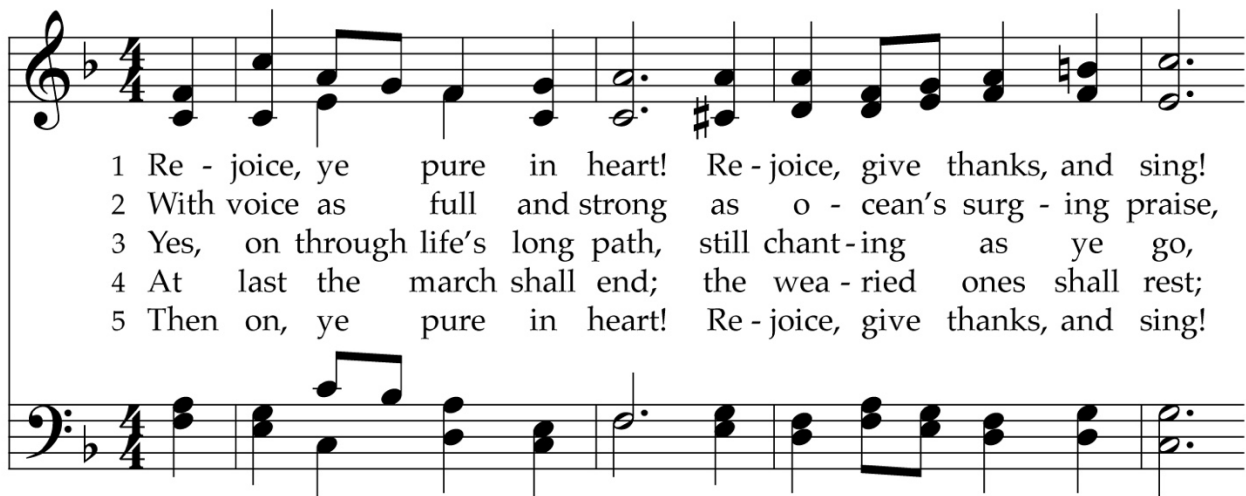
One: In all things you sustained him.

All: Just as you sustain us.

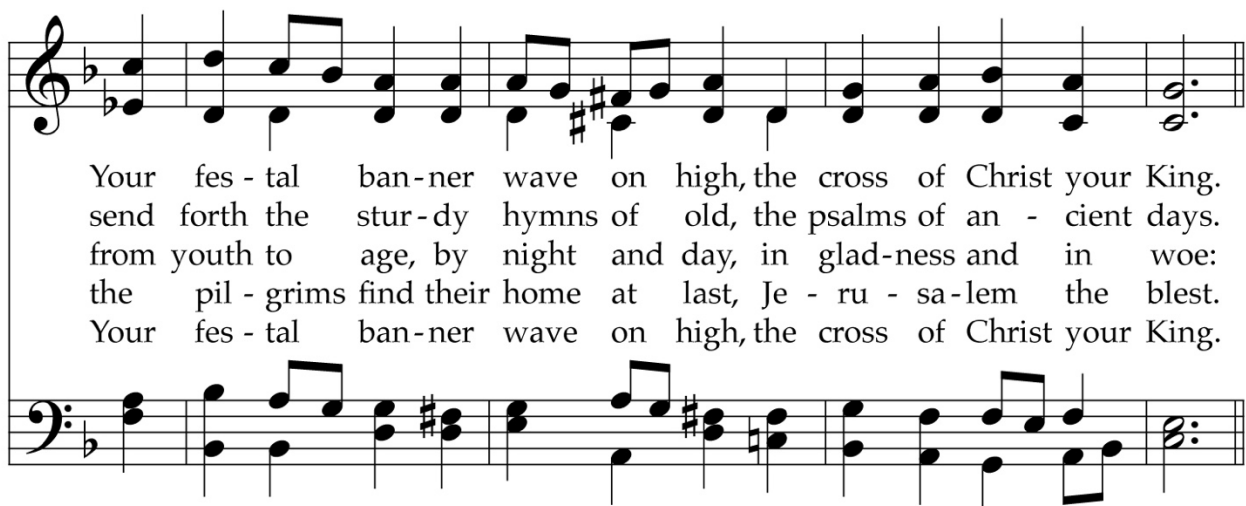
One: Let us remain faithful to you,

All: As you are always faithful to us.

† Please rise in body or in spirit



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

PRAYER (in Unison)

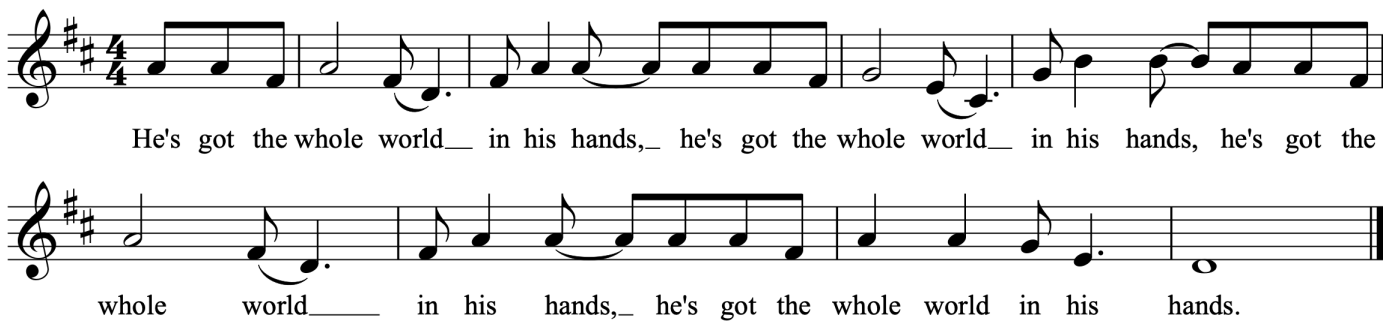
God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Give us Joseph's unfailing love for you, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we might overcome whatever life throws at us. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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 5: 1-12
New International Version
Betsy Kreuter

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ANTHEM

My Eternal King
Jane Marshall (1924-2019)
The Chancel Choir

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally,*

*Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;*

*Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!*

*E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.*

Poem (11th century Latin; trans. Rev. Edward Caswell)

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 39: 1-23
New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition)

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband[a] has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

Gsus Leader or All G D C



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G



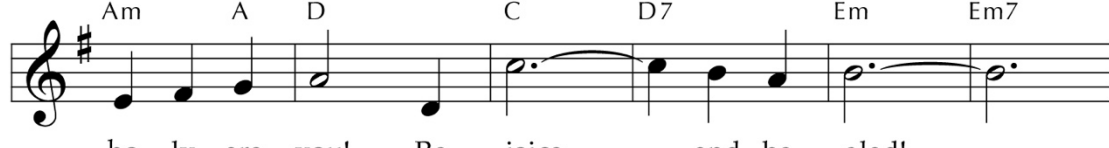
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G



Yours is the king - dom of God!

MESSAGE

Trusting The Way
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

MULTIMEDIA REFLECTION

All For Good
Emma Ceurvels

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

Carol Woodman

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Shall I Sing That Majesty?
Ryan Hebert (b. 1975)
The Chancel Choir

*How shall I sing that Majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?*

*Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.*

*Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
Yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.*

*How great a being, Lord, is Thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.*

John Mason (1683)

†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.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass clef) in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics in English. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL 1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 MEN 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 ALL 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 WOMEN 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 ALL 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Processional
Donald Callender

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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
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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

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

CHERUB, CELEBRATION SINGERS, & GENESIS CHOIRS REHEARSALS

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 (3rd 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



QUARTERLY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Church Council invites you to attend a Quarterly meeting on 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 will be provided separately in the Friday email blast. We look forward to seeing you.

Clem Lepoutre
Chair, Church Council

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Noon - 2pm

Bring your furry, or non-furry, pet friends to the Front Lawn at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich for a special blessing from Pastors Patrick and Cydney. No sign-up required.



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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Dispatchers: Ron March, Hilary Gunn

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<https://callaridegreenwich.org>



THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Needs for this week are:

- Children's clothing
- Men's business suits
- Jewelry

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.



KidStuff

By Clergy Stuff

Narrative Lectionary Kid's Bulletin



September 25, 2022

Genesis 39:1-23

Joseph in Prison

Joseph loved God. And God loved Joseph.

Sometimes bad things happened to Joseph. His brothers hated him. They sold him as a slave.

Joseph still trusted God. And God cared for Joseph.

Joseph's master, Potiphar, was kind. He put Joseph in charge of his house. Because of God's love, everything Joseph did was amazing.

But, bad things still happened to Joseph. Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph's attention. Joseph knew it was wrong. He stayed away from her. So she got angry and lied. She said Joseph tried to hurt her. Joseph was thrown in jail.

Joseph still trusted God. And God cared for Joseph.

The chief jailer was kind to Joseph. He put Joseph in charge of things in the prison. No matter what bad things happened to Joseph, God was with him.



REMEMBER THIS

GOD PROSPERED THE WORK OF JOSEPH'S HANDS

Joseph loved God and worked hard. Whatever Joseph put his mind to, God made it awesome!

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