

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, October 16, 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.*

### CALL TO ANNUAL GIVING

Carolyn Paulus

### PRELUDE

*Chant De Paix*  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are pulled in many directions.

**All: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**

One: This day, in this place, let service to God be our choice.

**All: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.**

One: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.


**All: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit






1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.



## PRAYER (in Unison)

We worship you, O God, as the one in whom we have placed our hope. We share the desire of your people of old to tell of the blessings you have effected in our lives. When we think about the greatest blessing of all—the gift of yourself in human flesh—Jesus Christ—we joyfully acknowledge that our hope in you is not misplaced. We choose to serve you because you chose to touch our lives so graciously in Christ. May our faithful witness and the service of our lives reveal the depth of our love and gratitude as we worship you, O God, and as we praise and adore you in Jesus’ name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## ANTHEM

*With One Voice*  
Terri Sinclair  
The Celebration Singers  
Vance Briceland, piano

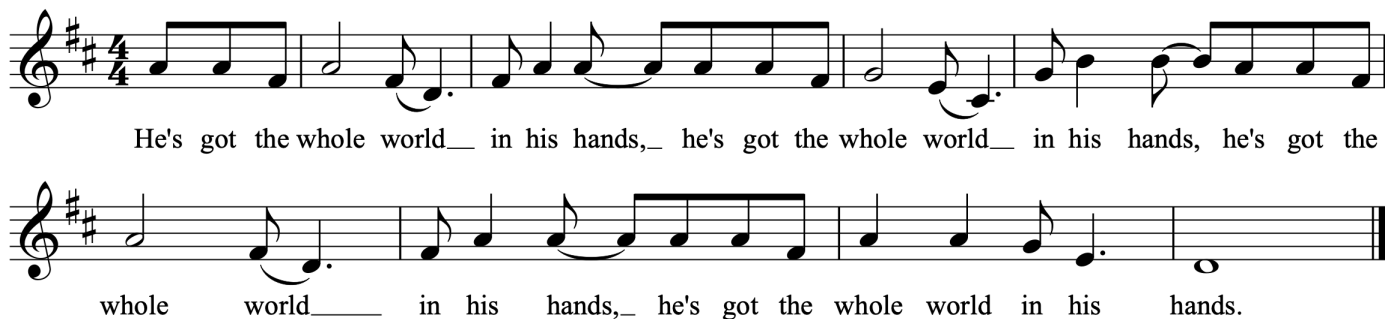
## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

*(During the response, the children will depart for Church School)*

## 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 4: 1-10*  
Common English Bible  
Andrea Woodman

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, “Since you are God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.”

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone." Jesus replied, "Again it's written, Don't test the Lord your God."

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, you will worship the Lord your God and serve only him." The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

## ANTHEM

*Let Everything That Has Breath*  
Mark Hayes (b. 1953)  
The Chancel Choir

## SECOND LESSON

*Joshua 24: 1-15, 26*  
*New International Version*

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt.'

"Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. But they cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time.

"I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land. When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you. But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand.

“Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

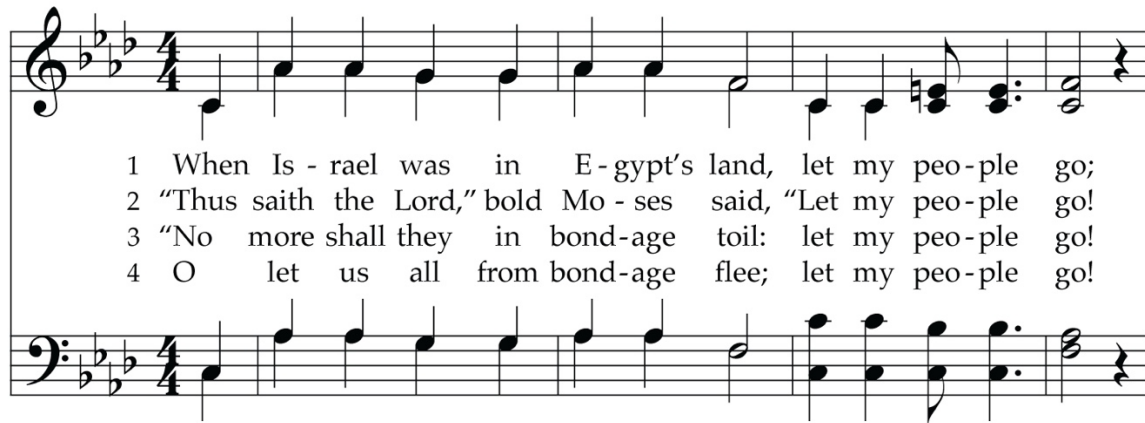
“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws. And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the Lord.

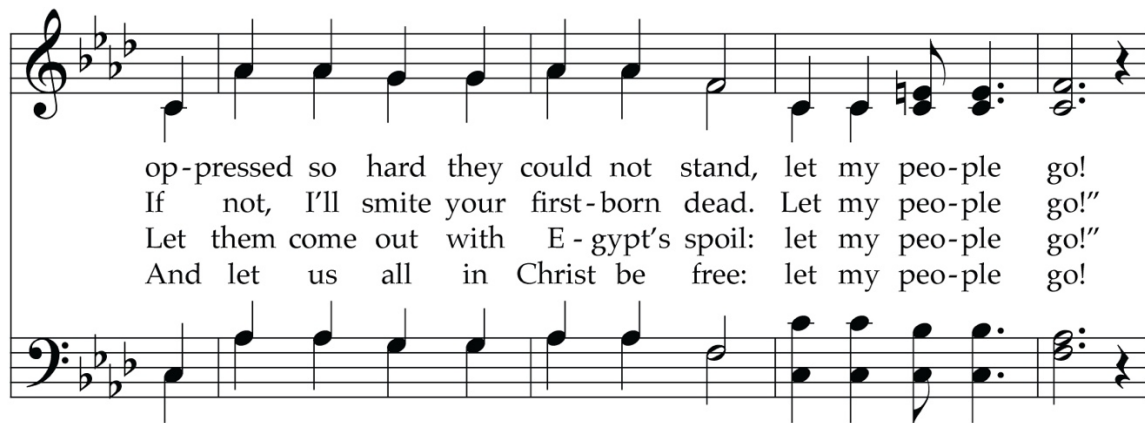
## MESSAGE

*As For Me*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

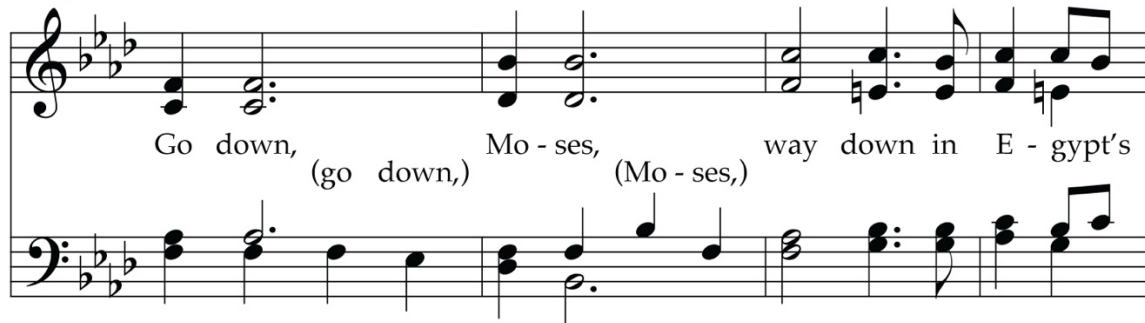




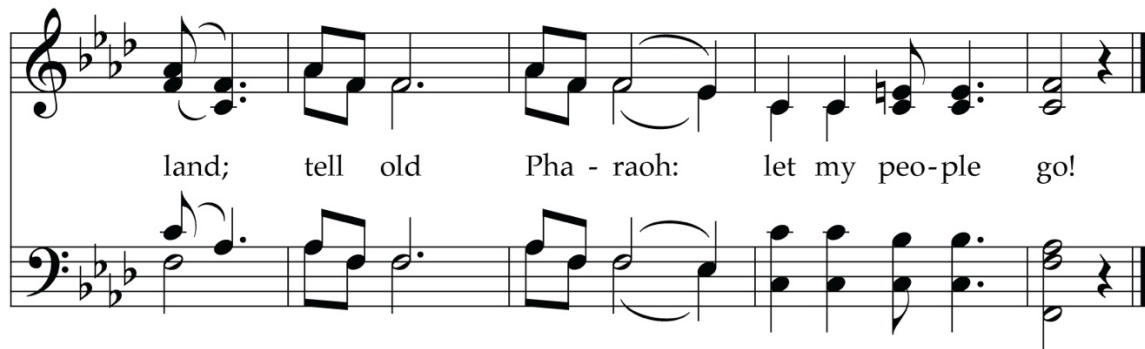
1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!  
 3 "No more shall they in bond-age toil: let my peo - ple go!  
 4 O let us all from bond-age flee; let my peo - ple go!



op-pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!  
 If not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"  
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"  
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

*Refrain*


Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's



land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

### 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

### ORGAN OFFERTORY

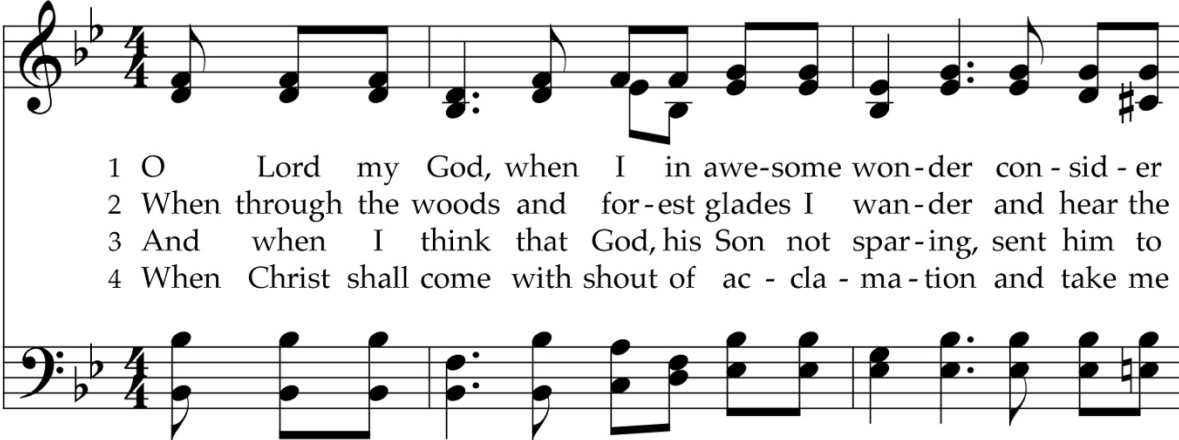
*Andante*  
Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

### †DOXOLOGY



† Please rise in body or in spirit

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then \*I shall bow in



hear the \*roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the  
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and  
 bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to  
 hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My



*Refrain*

u - ni - verse dis - played:  
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 take a - way my sin:  
 God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*  
 Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

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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.

# COMMUNITY HOUR

## TEACHERS STILL NEEDED!



We are still 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.

## Slight changes due to lack of teachers:

**PURPLE DOOR:** 3 & 4 year olds & PreK/Kindergarten  
**SILVER DOOR:** 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grades

## BELIEVE! FINDING FAITH IN TED LASSO



**Wednesday October 26,  
November 2, 9, & 16  
6:00 – 7:00 pm First Church Lounge**

Join us for this limited Faith Formation series as we explore the many ways Ted infuses faith into his life and work as a Premier League Football coach who has only coached American Football.



## **FIRST MUSIC & ARTS OPENS A NEW SEASON!**

**TODAY!! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4 P.M.  
IN THE MEETINGHOUSE  
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:

- Girls clothing for all ages
- Packing/bubble wrap materials

We have a great selection of Halloween costumes for the whole family!

Shopping hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.



## TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Vehicle Set-up**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Open to Community**

It's time for the annual Trunk or Treat. We need volunteers to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy. Click [here](#) for details and to sign-up. Help spread the word about this great community event by telling your neighbors and friends.

Admission is \$10 per family

Food trucks on site for  
great dining options





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF FIRST CHURCH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Committee/Ministry Fair Following Worship In The Auditorium

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

**HOMES FOR THE BRAVE**

Drop-Off In Church Parking Lot.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**H.O.M.E. CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20** following worship

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

Harvest Sunday & Giving Tree Gift Drop-Off

**CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH SALE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 THRU SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**SATURDAYS 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. - SUNDAYS 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

The Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale - Front Lawn

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 12 P.M. – 4 P.M.**

**ADVENT CRAFT FAIR** - Craft Fair in Daniels Center

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 4 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**56th ANNUAL MESSIAH CONCERT**

Free-Will Offering To Be Received. Suggested Donation: \$20 Per Person.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**

**FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Celebrate the holidays with your First Church family!

Join us Join us for fun, generous hors d'oeuvres, and a full bar.

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