

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, October 30, 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

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 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

### PRELUDE

*A Pleasant Thought*  
Florence Price (1887-1953)  
Steven Russell, guest organist/director

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ask what God will give you.

**All: God's will be done on earth.**

One: Ask what God will give you.

**All: The wisdom to do God's will.**

One: Ask what God will give you.

**All: God's justice in all the earth.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit

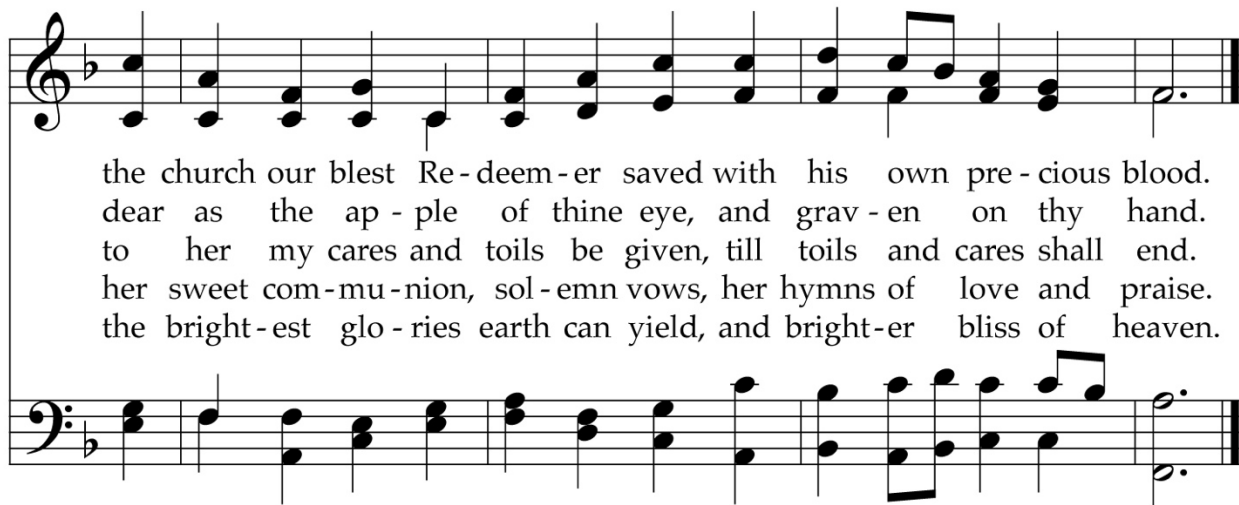
# †HYMN

## *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)

Generous God, you promised Solomon whatever he wanted, and he asked you only for the wisdom to serve you. Grant us that same wisdom, that we might work for your justice in the world. Amen.

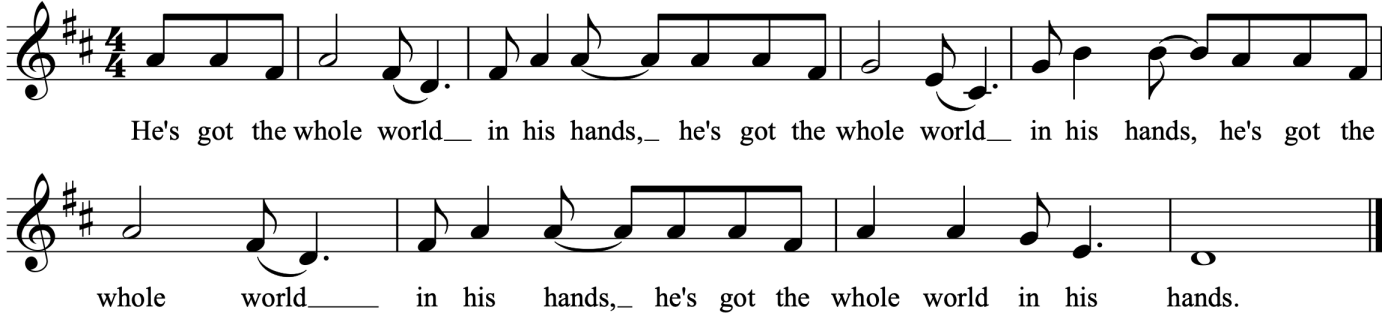


## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## RESPONSE

*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*



## FIRST LESSON

*1 Kings 3: 4-15*

New International Version  
Barbara Norrgard

Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter. He brought her to the City of David until he finished building his palace and the temple of the Lord, and the wall around Jerusalem. The people, however, were still sacrificing at the high places, because a temple had not yet been built for the Name of the Lord. Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the

death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

## ANTHEM

*How Great Is The Goodness*

Robert J. Greene (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

*Let all consider what God has given. All that we have are gifts from God above.  
The Lord has not forgotten us. And we should not forget this love.*

*How great is the goodness of God almighty! Is there anyone who has not known such goodness?  
For all gifts come from God almighty. All praise and honor belong to our Lord.*

*Oh grant us comfort in time of trouble; Guide us, oh Lord, through joyful days,  
For we would not forget your goodness; With thankful hearts we sing your praise. long to our Lord.*

*O God, let your goodness and love be boundless; Always remaining before our eyes.  
O strengthen us with your great power. So we may give back to you our lives.*

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Kings 3: 16-28*

New International Version

Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One of them said, “Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me. The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us.

“During the night this woman’s son died because she lay on him. So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn’t the son I had borne.”

The other woman said, “No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours.”

But the first one insisted, “No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine.” And so they argued before the king.

The king said, “This one says, ‘My son is alive and your son is dead,’ while that one says, ‘No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.’”

Then the king said, “Bring me a sword.” So they brought a sword for the king. He then gave an order: “Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other.”

The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, “Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!”

But the other said, “Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!”

Then the king gave his ruling: “Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother.”

When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

**MESSAGE**

*Wisdom And Justice*  
Reverend Patrick Collins



1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, our  
 2 Though hills a - mid the seas be cast, though  
 3 Where God a - bides a riv - er flows; that  
 4 Since God is in the midst of it, the



ev - er - pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the  
 foam - ing wa - ters roar, yea, though the might - y  
 cit - y will re - joice. But na - tions fear and  
 cit - y walls shall stand, se - cure and safe with



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid;  
 bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.  
 king - doms shake be - fore God's thun - dering voice.  
 God's sure help, when trou - ble is at hand.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Patrick Collins

### 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

### ORGAN OFFERTORY

*I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus*  
Ruth Mackie

### †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!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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!

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Fantasy*

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

*All hymns reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-726454. All rights reserved.*

***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 Deacon Committee.

**COMMUNITY**  
*oooooooo*  
**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.

**TODAY is a One-Room Schoolhouse in the Lounge.**

## CHERUB CHOIR, CELEBRATION SINGERS, AND GENESIS CHOIR REHEARSALS



### CHERUB CHOIR (GR K-2)

Silver Door (Lower Level), 11:15-11:45 a.m. -- Carol Woodman, director

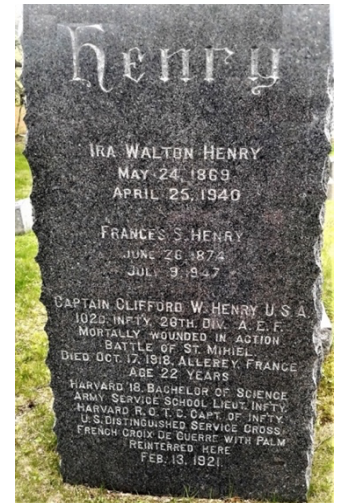
### GENESIS CHOIR

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

## FIRST CHURCH CEMETERY TOUR TODAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 ~ 11:15 A.M.

In honor of All Hallows Day, after a short Community Hour, meet at the entrance to our cemetery for a guided tour of the people of note buried in our cemetery. You might learn surprising things about some very accomplished people who inspired others!

Your Tour Guide is Pat Larrabee, First Church's historian.



## BELIEVE! FINDING FAITH IN TED LASSO



**Wednesdays - November 2, 9, & 16  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. 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.



## THE RUMMAGE ROOM

Needs for this week are -

- Men's blazers
- Business suits
- Men's business shirts

Shopping hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with the same hours for donation drop off.



In response to the drives of the previous two years and the continued needs of female veterans living at ABRI\*/Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport, the Women's Fellowship is again sponsoring a Veterans Day drive. (\*Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.)

We will be collecting items at a drop-off from their wish list on Saturday, November 5th from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or in the church collection on Sunday, November 6th worship service, or Monday or Tuesday in a box outside the church office.



## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH?

Join us for our next New Members Class Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. For more details and information contact, Rev. Patrick Collins



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF FIRST CHURCH

**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



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

108 Sound Beach Avenue Old Greenwich CT 06870

203-637-1791 • [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org)

## Ministers - All Members Of The First Congregational Church Of Greenwich

**Senior Pastor**

**Associate Pastor**

**Minister of Music**

**Parish Nurse**

**Church Office Coordinator**

**Financial Administrator**

**Director of Public Relations**

**Livestream Director**

**Audio Technician**

**Database Administrative Assistant**

**Interim Facility Manager**

**Sextons**

**Director of Preschool**

**Assistant Director of Preschool**

**Pastors Emeriti**

Reverend Patrick Collins

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Susan Asselin, RN

Wendy Spezzano

Greg Girolamo

Stephen Lucin

Daniel Lepoutre

Bob Small

Sue Wilder

Julio Yika

Curtis Gay, Qasim Hussaini

Jennifer DiCarlo

Kayla Vozzella

Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Stiers - Reverend Sally Colegrove



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all