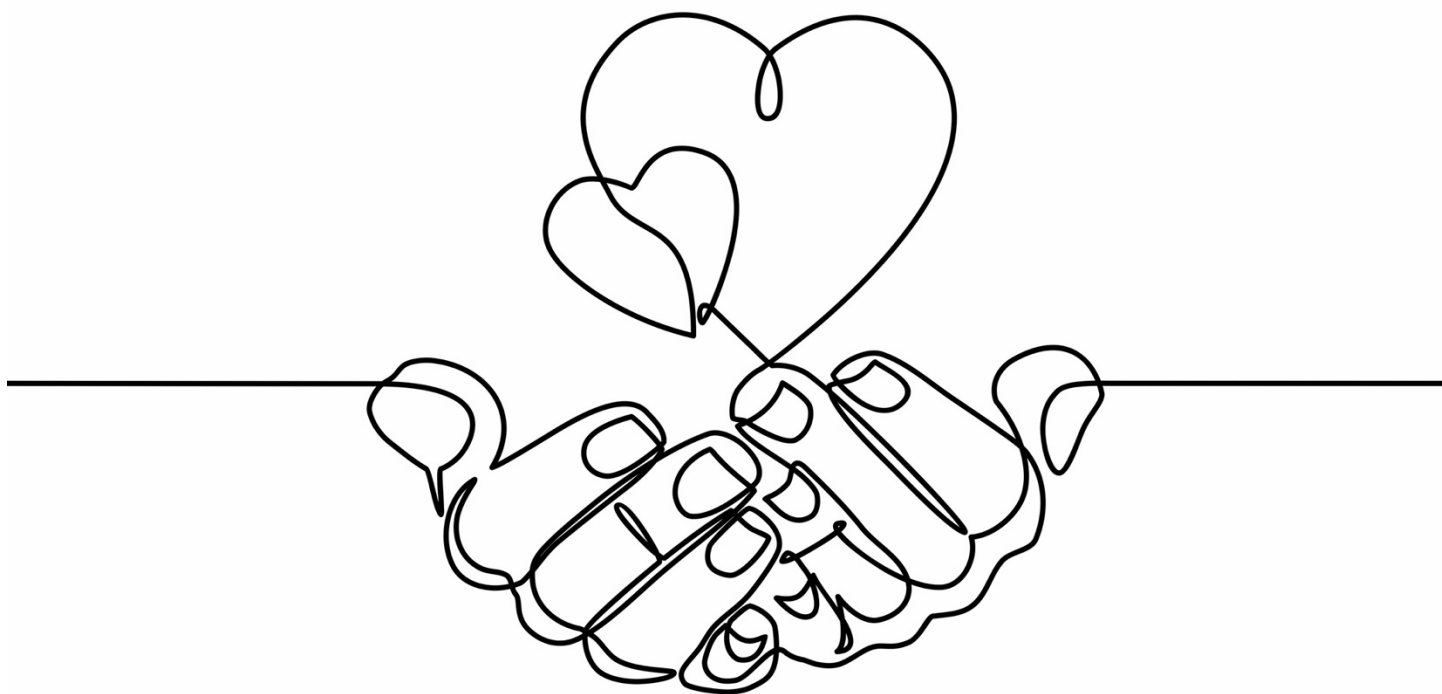


SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



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.

If you are the person on the center aisle, please remove the completed sheet and place it in the plate during the offering.

PRELUDE

Choral

Alice Sauvrezis (1866-1946)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come!

All: Come and worship,

One: you who woke early and you who slept late; you who come often, and you who don't.

All: Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between, there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

One: and more than enough grace to go around.

All: Let's worship God together!

CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

God Reigns O'er All The Earth

21 New Century Hymnal

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison – remain standing)

Together, we make the Body of Christ, but we are more inclined to act alone. Apart: one may see, but may not hear. Apart: one may reach out, but may not walk. We confess that we have not always cared for one another. We confess that have belittled our own expressions of faithfulness in light of another's. Strengthen us in who you, our Creator, have created us to be so that we may function as the Body of Christ in this world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ with a hand to hand, eye to eye, and heart to heart greeting.
May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

Go, My Children

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
New Revised Standard Version
Car Westbrook

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

ANTHEM

Kingsfold
Anne Krentz Organ
The Silverthorn Handchime Quartet
Pat Geismar, Colette Rogers, Debbie Silverthorn, Bob Small

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20: 1-16
New Revised Standard Version

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

MESSAGE

We Are One, But We’re Not The Same
Reverend Patrick Collins

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread (gluten-free) and the cup together, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity and unity within the Body of Christ.

Those receiving communion are asked to come forward by the center aisle, receive and eat the bread, proceed to and drink an individual cup, then return to their seats by the side aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

One
U2 - Bono
Daniel Young, tenor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

Mario Lotufo

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Softly And Tenderly
Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Come, Labor On
532 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue
Adela Douglas-Pennant
(1858-1955)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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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 Auditorium following worship this morning where you can greet each other and have a cup of coffee and some light snacks.

COMMUNITY HOUR



March 5 – All-Ages Worship
March 12, 19, 26 – Regular Church School

CHERUB, CELEBRATION SINGERS, & GENESIS CHOIR REHEARSALS

Cherub Choir (gr K-2)
Silver Door (Lower Level)
11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Carol Woodman, director

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 (3rd floor)
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Danny Young, director

PRAYER BOOK HOW-TO

Prayer is one of the strongest binders of community. Prayers written in the Prayer Book in the Narthex (back of the church) will be lifted during the worship service.

WHO: Yourself, Others (with their permission), Situations/People/Places

- 1) If praying for others, please only use their name if they have given you permission to do so.
- 2) Use first names only. Or pseudonyms like “Mr./Mrs. M.” or simply “for a friend...”
(Don’t worry, God knows who the prayer is about).

WHAT: Joys, Concerns, Thanksgivings, Hopes, anything!

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

2023 LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 P.M.

March 8 – Liya Petrides

St. Catherine Church, Riverside

March 15 – David Johnson

St. Paul's Episcopal, Riverside

March 22 – Leslie Smith

Round Hill Community Church, Greenwich

March 29 – Craig Scott Symons

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WORSHIP SERIES & STUDY SESSIONS

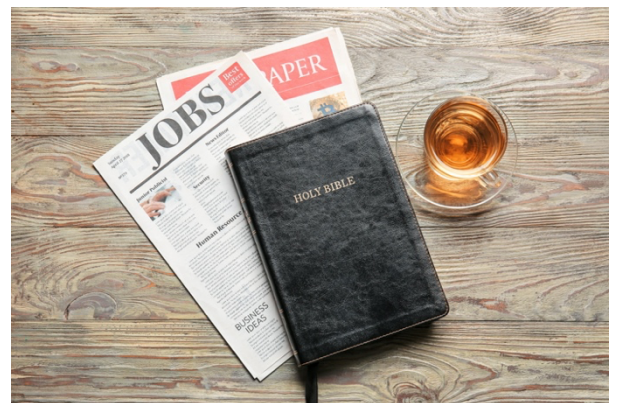
Every Sunday during the season of Lent we will put the music of U2 in conversation with the Bible as we do the inner work and relationship building needed to create a faithful community.

Wednesday in March at 6:00 pm in the lounge for a faithful conversation about the weekly music selection.

Love U2 and want to go deeper? Join us each

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

We now have a current events-based Bible Study opportunity! Using the Wired Word's curriculum, each week we'll discuss a topic or headline from the week's news and ask ourselves how our faith applies through guided questions and discussion. Learn more at thewiredword.com



There are two opportunities every week:

- Join Pastor Cydney for dinner on Mondays at 6:30pm at OG Social Club (48 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich). Dinner optional.
- Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at Noon at FCCOG and on Zoom. BYO lunch optional.

Zoom Link for Thursday session only:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88200872002?pwd=R2d5ZmcwV1hYMkxDQWU2WWYwaEZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 0087 2002

Passcode: FCCOG

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Learn how the Bible is alive today and find hope no matter what's going on in the world.

THE RUMMAGE ROOM

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

Needs this week are:

- Ladies spring blouses
- Spring shoes
- Ladies handbags



PARISH NURSE

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week, she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.



ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

We are happy to report that we've crossed the 200-pledgor line with 201 pledges, for a total of \$582,491.04 We now stand at just over 80% of our goal and 64% of pledges. If you've made your pledge, we are grateful for your support. Please continue to support the

ministries of First Church with your annual pledge.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Take some time this week to answer and reflect on the following questions:

What do you think it means that we get to carry each other?

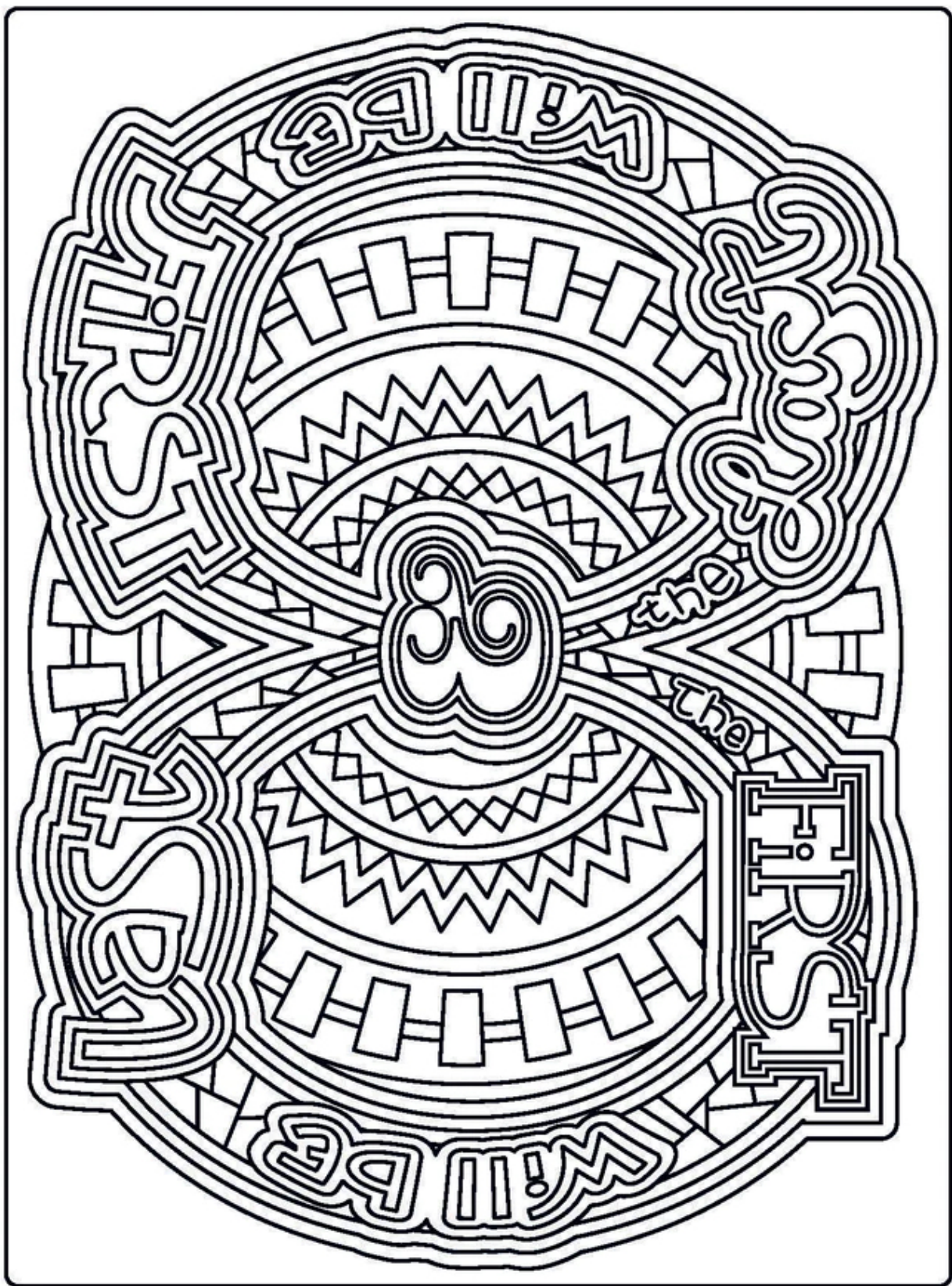
How does our uniqueness as human beings create opportunities for unity? How does it create barriers?

How does God's grace confound our human systems today?

How can you use your unique gifts to promote unity and generosity?

JOURNALING SPACE

Use this space to write freely your thoughts and reflections on forgiveness



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