

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY
9 AM & 11 AM



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.



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Faith First-Love Always

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Marche Triomphale
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Organ, Brass, Percussion, Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Patrick Collins

†INTRODUCTION AND HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today
Arr. William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

† Please rise when directed

†EASTER GREETING

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.

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison – remain standing)

God of resurrection, you have redeemed us through the gift of your son, yet we often act as though we don't know what that means. We fail to see where we need to change, and where we need to work to bring positive change to the world. We remain fixated on ourselves rather than living in love and service for others. Forgive us this day for the many ways we fail to live up to the gift of life and love you give to us, that we might better do your will. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

One: Christ is risen indeed, and proclaims to you and all of creation the entire forgiveness of sins. Let us receive this gift of forgiveness with joy and 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.**

†RESPONSE

Halle, Hallelujah



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.”

† Please rise in body or in spirit

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25: 1, 6-9

New Revised Standard Version

Lynn Hawxhurst (9 a.m.)

Pat Larrabee (11 a.m.)

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”
For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)
The Chancel Choir

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all: but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Joshua Smith (1784)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28: 1-10
New Revised Standard Version

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place

where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 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."

MESSAGE

The Awesome and Personal Power of Resurrection
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Arr. Mark Schweizer

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO OFFERING

Henry Hull

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hallelujah
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Thine Is The Glory
Arr. Mark Schweizer

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

†BENEDICTION

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†EASTER RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Congregation, Choir

Music can be found in the rack under the seat in front of you. Please return it to the rack after use.

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfare
Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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BRASS AND PERCUSSION

Trumpets: Anthony Gorusso, Jim Cifelli

French Horn: Debbie Schmidt

Trombones: Steve Shulman, Cliff Haynes

Percussion: Eric Phinney

Organ: William Roslak

Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

4/9 Easter Services - All ages in worship

4/16 One Room Schoolhouse - Lounge (public school spring break)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Annual planting of herbs, vegetables, & flowers at Pilgrim Towers

Saturday, April 29th - drop in 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All ages welcome! Lite lunch served; bring your own gloves and hand tools!

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) 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).
- 2) If praying for others, please only use their name if they have given you permission to do so.

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

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:

- Spring Shoes for everyone
- Women’s blouses
- Handbags
- Sewing Machines (working order)



FINAL FIRST MUSIC & ARTS CONCERT OF THE SEASON

Windward Blow! Orchestra Lumos Chamber Winds
(formerly Stamford Symphony)

Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 3 p.m. tickets \$35

Groove along to this rhythmic and spirited program that explores how the Orchestra’s wind players pay homage to theatre, jazz, and living in the South. For more information and purchase tickets, use your smartphone camera for this QR code

Music by Ibert, Coleman, Hindemith, Ravel, and D’Rivera.

Elizabeth Mann, flute - Melanie Feld, oboe - Pavel Vinnitsky, clarinet
Cynde Iverson, bassoon - Lawrence DiBello, horn





RISE AGAINST HUNGER - SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Back by popular demand, the meal-packing event for Rise Against Hunger will be held on **Sunday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in the Meetinghouse!**

We will pack around 20,000 meals to go to school feeding programs and disaster relief efforts around the world.

Since 2005, Rise Against Hunger has delivered 540,000,000 meals in 78 countries. The meals provide nutrition in a crisis, encourage school attendance, and help put these children and families on a path out of poverty.

FIRST CHURCH PRESCHOOL PHOTOSHOOT FUNDRAISER



First Church Preschool is hosting a Family Photoshoot Fundraiser with local Greenwich mom, [Photography by Inga](#). There are several timeslots still available on Saturday May 6th (with the potential to open up more on Sunday, May 7 if May 6 fills up).

Photo sessions will be at Binney Park and cost \$300, with a portion of sales going to the FCP Parent Committee. Each family will have a 20-minute time slot and will receive 5 high resolution files with the option to purchase the rest. Photoshop retouching will be available on requested photos. [Register here](#). Questions? Please email Genevieve Jarvis at ginnik11@gmail.com. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWER & BRASS DONATIONS

List reflects donations received through 12 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2023

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