



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

Each week, we gather in this place – just a room with four walls and a few doors and windows.

We find rest, we learn, and we encourage one another.

You see, it's not the place, it's the people that matter.

It's not about the words that are spoken or the songs that are sung,

it's about the hearts that are shared in the process.

Within these walls, we sing, we pray, we listen, and we celebrate God's love and faithfulness together.

You belong here. We belong here. Come, let us worship God.

Ashley Danyew (adapted)

SOLO

Bless This House

Mae H. Brahe (1884-1956)

Thomas Woodman, bass

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

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.

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

Arr. Sondra Tucker (b. 1957)

Palmer Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sebastian Ojeda, Emma Marten, Colette Rogers,

Norah Collins, Jonah Collins

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

All: **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

One: For the Lord is good;

All: **his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

ANTHEM

The Rainbow Song
Arthur Hamilton
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Andrea Woodman, ukulele
Lynn Hawxhurst, assistant

†HYMN

When In Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison – remain standing)

God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives.

God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us: for our lack of trust;
for our faithless living;
for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus.

Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

†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: 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.

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

ANTHEM

The Gift Of Home
Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)
The Celebration Singers
Vance Briceland, piano

READING

Harmony
Andrea Woodman

The time has come, let us begin, with all our voices joining in;
To sing of love and brotherhood people doing what they should
to help their fellow man decree and fill this land with harmony.
The young and old, the rich, the poor; making sounds, never heard before.

Harmony! Harmony! Let's all join in harmony
Sing away the hurt and fear; a great new dream will soon be here.

Like the shepherd guards his sheep, watch your children as they sleep.
Like the potter turns his clay help to shape a better day, and let us sing a song of love.
There's one thing I'm certain of love will fill the hearts of men.
Peace will come on earth once again.

Ray Conniff (1974)

ANTHEM

Speak The Truth In Love
Stephanie Taylor
The Chancel Choir
Danny Young, tenor
Andrea Woodman, drum

READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-11
New Revised Standard Version
James Gartner

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling[a] among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who

plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?
Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
The Genesis Choir
Danny Young, director

REFLECTION

Dr. Craig Scott Symons

ANTHEM

The Road Home
Stephan Paulus (1949-2014)
The Chancel Choir
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Marilyn Derr

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

Carol Woodman

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctuary/Total Praise
Arr. Jay Rouse
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!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ
347 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Wherever I May Wander
Arr. Sondra Tucker (b. 1957)
Palmer Handbell Choir

† 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.

COMMUNITY HOUR

Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden following worship this morning where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and fresh fruit and croissants and whipped cream. Our hosts for today are members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee along with members and friends of the Music Ministry.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

May 21 – All ages in Church – Music Sunday

May 28 – One Room Schoolhouse – Lounge (Memorial Day)

June 4 – Communion class for 2nd graders (and those who missed in the past) following worship.

June 11 – Celebration Sunday – All ages in worship as we celebrate the end of Church School. 2nd graders receive their “First Communion” & 3rd graders receive their Bibles.





NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Church? Would you like more information about what it means to become a member? Please plan on joining us in the lounge following worship **TODAY Sunday, May 21st at 11:00 am.** Any questions, please contact Pastor Patrick.

SUNDAYS IN THE NEXT MONTH

- JUNE 4** **Confirmation Sunday** - when we welcome the newest members into the First Church family.
- JUNE 11** **Celebration Sunday** - where we celebrate the Church School ministry as they wrap up another church year.
- JUNE 25** **First 8 a.m. Beach Service** at Greenwich Point
Annual Meeting - following worship in the Meetinghouse

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:

- Jewelry
- Ladies handbags
- Table Linens



50TH ANNIVERSARY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP QUILT RAFFLE

The Kettle Quilters and the Women's Fellowship congratulates Sue Asselin as the winner of our 2023 Quilt Raffle. Thanks to everyone that supported this worthy project.

OPEN FOR LUNCH!

The very popular opportunity to serve lunch to New Covenant Center Cafe visitors is open for sign-ups! All the luncheon food will be delivered from ShopRite. Volunteers will slice bread, arrange desserts, and serve the hot meal. The time commitment is 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Masks are required. Scan the code to sign up for your spot!



FIRST CHURCH 2023 UNDIES SUNDAYS & DIAPER DRIVE NOW THROUGH JUNE 18



DID YOU KNOW?

- Underwear is the most under donated, yet most needed, item of clothing.
- The Undies Project supports 45 agencies that assist families and individuals in the community who are homeless, living in shelters or are low income.
- Mothers for Others serves 600 kids per month with local agencies.
- Most needed items are men's boxers and briefs, women's bras and panties, children's underwear. All items should be new.

Please drop off donations of undies, diapers (we can accept open packages of diapers) or wipes at the entrance to the meetinghouse on Sundays. If you prefer, join our virtual drive and make an online donation by scanning the QR code, or click here [MyFirstChurch](https://www.myfirstchurch.org) and select undies and diaper drive.



SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

All are welcome to join the Summer Choir on Sunday mornings throughout the summer at 9:00 a.m. in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that day. Head to the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, to pick up the anthem, bulletin, and a folder, then meet downstairs in the choir loft.

Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship. It also gives you a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. Everyone is welcome – no robes will be worn! If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 822).

For 2023, Arpeggio Festival will present important musical works from a different perspective. Experience music performed in an unusual context or arrangement and see if you gain a new understanding of the composer's processes.

Weekend 1

Friday June 2 at 7:30

Antonio Vivaldi

The Four Seasons (all four), for 5 strings, with the original poems recited
Deming String Quartet

Saturday June 3 at 7:30

Richard Strauss

The Four Last Songs
and the Opus 3, Five piano pieces.
Hanna Golodinskii, soprano
Pavel Gintov, piano

Sunday June 4 at 7:00

Richard Wagner

"Unshielded" From the Wagner in Vermont Festival. A new, special, through-composed adaption of the music of Wotan and Brunhild (father and daughter) the Ring Cycle.
Hugh Keelan, piano;
Jenna Rae, soprano;
Charles Martin, Heldenbariton

Weekend 2

Friday June 9 at 7:30

Gustav Mahler

Symphony no.9, Arranged for Piano Four Hands. *Jed Distler and Jerome Kuderna, pianists*

Saturday June 10 at 7:30

Jazz: Total Improv

Bennie Wallace, tenor saxophone,
and 2 other musicians meet to perform with no rehearsal or pre-set program.

Sunday June 11 at 4:00

Concert Band and Organ

Works originally written for orchestra and organ including Festival Prelude by Richard Strauss and Symphony #3 (Organ) by Camille Saint-Saëns
Craig Scott Symons, Organist,
Connecticut Symphonic Winds,
Charles de Paul, Conductor

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