

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
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

### PRELUDE

*Choral and Variation III*  
(from *Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le thème du 'Veni Creator'*)  
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

### 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.*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Holy Spirit,  
All: The wind of God, the breath of Life.  
One: Come, Holy Spirit,  
All: Our Advocate, our Counselor.  
One: Come, Holy Spirit,  
All: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.  
One: Come, Holy Spirit,  
All: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.  
One: Come, Holy Spirit.  
All: May we feel God breathing through our worship.  
May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place.

### CHORAL INTROIT

### †HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong To Save*  
429 Pilgrim Hymnal

### †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison – remain standing)

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

*\*Moment of silence for personal reflection\**

## †ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

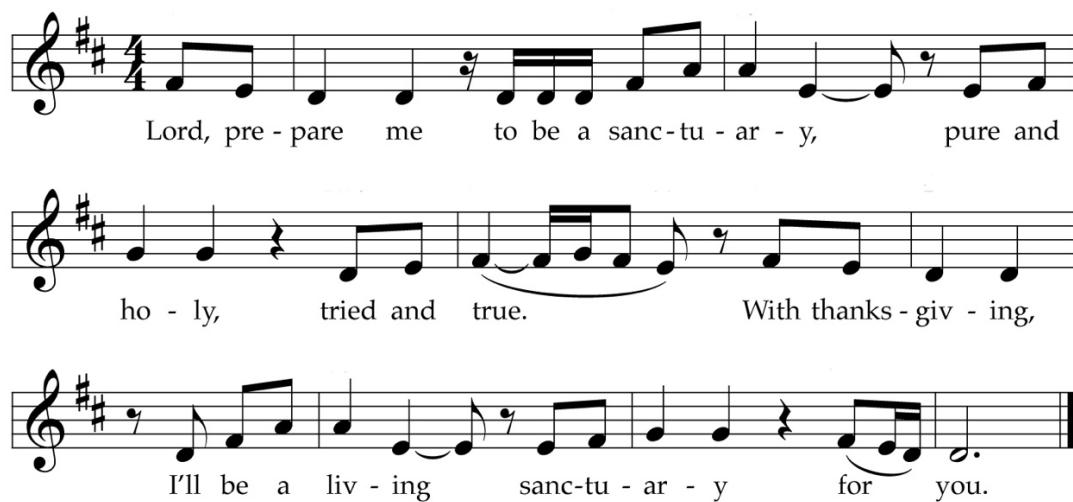
*God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.*

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)



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(3rd Grade students will meet in the lounge following the Children's Message for a special Bible class.  
All other children will remain in worship today.)*

## RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 11: 1-9*

New Revised Standard Version  
Barbara Norrgard

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and

bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

## ANTHEM

*Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether*  
Harold Friedell (1905-1958)  
The Summer Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly in Thy name,  
two or three are met together thou art in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

Percy Dearmer (1931)

## SECOND LESSON

*Acts 2: 1-21*  
New Revised Standard Version

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s



deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

## MESSAGE

*Gifts Of The Spirit*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## †HYMN

*There’s A Spirit In The Air*  
294 New Century Hymnal

## 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

Henry Hull

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Trumpet Tune*  
Robert Lind (b. 1940)

## †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

*O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*  
440 Pilgrim Hymnal

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude*  
Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

*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.*

## COMMUNITY HOURL

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 a light snack. Hosts for today are members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

**June 4** – Communion class for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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**    **8 A.M. BEACH SERVICES BEGIN** 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:

- Ladies blouses
- Sewing machine
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Spring jackets for men & women





## 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](#) and select undies and diaper drive.



## JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

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.

**Concerts at First Congregational Church of Greenwich,, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich**

#### 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*

**All tickets \$20 at door or online**

#### Sponsors:

First Congregational Church of Greenwich,  
The Greenwich Arts Council,  
BackCountry Jazz

**NEW  
PERSPECTIVES**

# ARPEGGIO MUSIC FESTIVAL

**JUNE 2-11, 2023  
GREENWICH CT**



**Meet Antonio Vivaldi  
Live.**

Friday June 2 @ 7:30pm  
Greenwich CT



**Meet Richard Strauss  
Live.**

Saturday June 3 @ 7:30 pm  
Greenwich CT



**Meet Richard Wagner.  
Live.**

Sunday June 4 @ 7pm  
Greenwich CT



**Meet Gustav Mahler  
Live.**

Friday June 9 @ 7:30 pm  
Greenwich CT



**Jazz : Total Improv  
Live.**

Saturday June 10 @ 7:30 pm  
Greenwich CT



**Band meets Organ  
Live.**

Sunday June 11 @ 4 pm  
Greenwich CT

**[www.ArpeggioFestival.org](http://www.ArpeggioFestival.org)**

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Where do you find the Holy Spirit in your life?

Do you find the Holy Spirit to be comforting or terrifying, or both?

Where is the Holy Spirit pushing you to do something you normally would not do?

How can we, as a community of faith, pay more attention to where the Holy Spirit is calling us?

# 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

Administrative and Communications Colleague

Livestream Director

Audio Technician

Database Administrative Assistant

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

Carolyn Samuel

Daniel Lepoutre

Bob Small

Sue Wilder

Julio Yika

Curtis Gay, Qasim Hussaini

Jennifer DiCarlo

Kayla Vozzella

Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Stiers (deceased) - Reverend Sally Colegrove



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all