



SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023
CELEBRATION 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

Flourish
Gordon Young (1919-1998)
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 ANNUAL MEETING

Pat Larrabee, Church Clerk

ANTHEM

We Are Marching In The Light Of God
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Andrea Woodman, Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele
(join in singing final time)
Siyahamba kukhanyeni kwenkos
We are marching in the light of God.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We praise you, O God.
All: You have known us since before we were born.
One: We love you, O God.
All: You know us better than we know ourselves.
One: We worship you, O God.
All: Your knowledge is more wonderful than we can imagine.
One: We glorify you, O God.
All: Your creation is ever-changing and ever-amazing.
One: We praise you, O God.
All: Your love is with us forever.

†HYMN

For The Beauty Of The Earth
28 New Century Hymnal

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison – remain standing)

Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies. You know our thoughts and you know our missteps. We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our embarrassments. But you know it all, and so we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole again.

**Moment of silence for personal reflection **

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

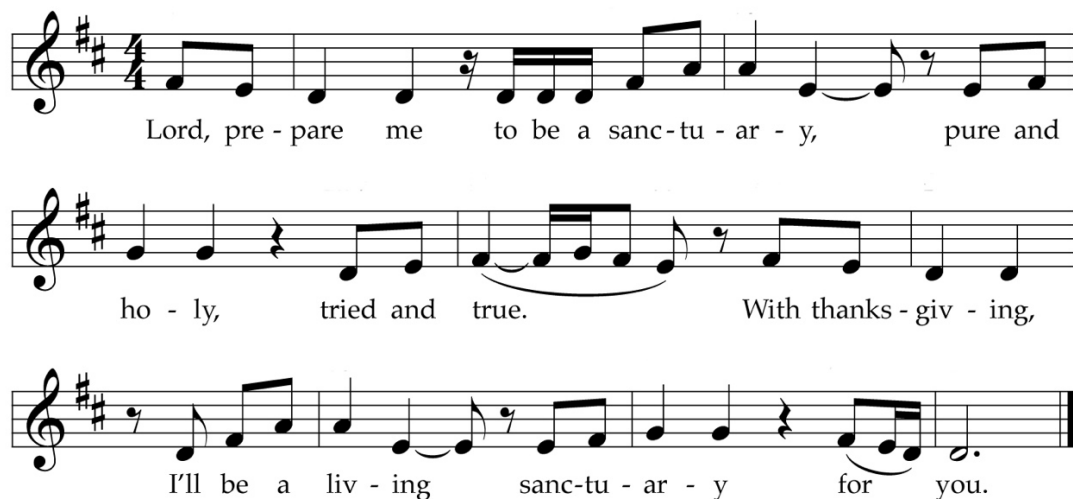
God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

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)



3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke
3rd Grade Teachers

3RD GRADE TEACHERS

We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

3RD GRADE FAMILIES

We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

CONGREGATION

We as the congregation are pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

ALL

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-14
Common English Bible
Abbie and Maya Stubbs

Lord, you have examined me.

You know me.

You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

You study my traveling and resting.

You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.

You surround me—front and back.

You put your hand on me.

That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

ANTHEM

Everywhere I Go
Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)
The Celebration Singers
Vance Briceland, piano

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

ANTHEM

There Is Much In The World
Carson Cooman (b. 1982)
The Celebration Singers

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Donna Hascher
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

We give our thanks to all who have helped our Church School in various ways this year, especially our families!

One: Today, we recognize and affirm all our Church School teachers and helpers with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

All: We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

One: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers, helpers, and volunteers.

All: Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through this gift of presence.

One: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

All: As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers and helpers have given to our children. May their service be blessed, as it is a blessing to our community of faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nico Elliott-Bocassi

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.

COMMUNION

*For many of our second graders, this special occasion is their first communion in the Meetinghouse.
To mark this celebration, those youth will help to lead the congregation through the Communion Liturgy.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

TAKING OF ELEMENTS

*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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING

Ian Marten

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Sarabande
Gordon Young

†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

You Are Salt For The Earth, O People
181 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Tambourine Toccata
Gordon Young

† 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.

**WITH SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION TO ALL OF TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS
AND CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

GREETERS

Ashley Kovacic, Drew Kovacic, Karen Kovacic

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Micah Collins, Alida Elliott-Bocassi, Nico Elliott-Bocassi, Ian Marten, Abbie Stubbs, Maya Stubbs,

2ND GRADERS

Harper Harriss, Patrick Kelly, Drew Kovacic, Emily Muir, Adam O'Brien, Kendall Reeves, Emma Segura, Ella Sippel

3RD GRADERS

Jacob Bodenstein, Micah Collins, Quinn Duffy, Alida Elliott-Bocassi, Drew Kovacic, Ted Lange, Aiden Rahimtula, David Rahimtula, Kennedy Reid, Joseph Worden, Tanner Williams.

TEACHERS

Kristen Bodenstein, Sarah Cleworth, Kristin Knowles, Karin Kovacic, Carole Lang, Maggie Lange, Katherine Magovern, Liz O'Connor, Cara Olmsted, Emma Olmsted, Christina Russell, Sara Stuckey.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

Tessa Laffan, Lara Olmsted, Kyle Roy, Emma Schneider, Kylie Sneider, Charlie Stuckey.

SCHOOL AGE ASSISTANTS

Ashley Kovacic, Addie Stuckey, Claire Wentworth.

CHURCH SCHOOL TASK FORCE

Sarah Cleworth, Donna Hascher (co-chair), Diane Jenkins, Diane and Paul Kretschmann, Steve Kurczewski, Nanette Laffan, Cara Olmsted (co-chair), Barrie Richmond, Sarah Schneider, Patrick Toohey, Leslie VanDermeer, Abby Wentworth, Peg Wentworth, and Pastor Cydney Van Dyke.

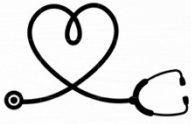
COMMUNITY HOUR

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 a light snack. Hosts for the month of June are members of the Outreach Committee.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

JUNE 25 **8 A.M. BEACH SERVICES BEGIN** at Greenwich Point.
ANNUAL MEETING - following worship in the Meetinghouse.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY



High blood pressure is one of the major risk factors of stroke, which can be a disabling event and affects nearly 800,000 people in the U.S. each year. Other common risk factors are smoking and uncontrolled diabetes.

Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, will be available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, during community hour (outdoors weather permitting - otherwise indoors in her office just to the right of the auditorium stage). During the week, Sue is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.

The 353rd Annual Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for **Sunday June 25th, 2023** in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 am worship service for the following purposes:

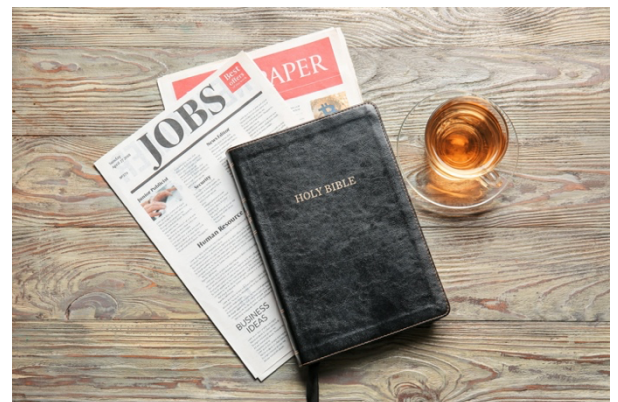


- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and Committee members and to fill other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023
- To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

We encourage you to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable. However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, the instructions are available in the Friday email blast.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Why not make some extra "you" time and join a study class? 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. BYO lunch optional. (No class June 15 - resumes June 22)

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:

- Table linens
- Women's summer cardigans
- CD's



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! We particularly need folks for July 2.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From now until September 5, office hours are 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon - Fri. Please make an appointment to meet with anyone in the offices.

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).



ARPEGGIO MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

TICKETS \$20 available at the door.

TODAY Sunday June 11 at 4:00 - Meetinghouse

Concert Band and Organ

Works originally written for orchestra and organ such as

Richard Strauss *Festival Prelude*, Camille Saint-Saëns finale from *Symphony #3* (Organ),
William Walton *Crown Imperial*, and others

Craig Scott Symons, organist, and the sixty-piece

Connecticut Symphonic Winds - Charles de Paul, Conductor

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