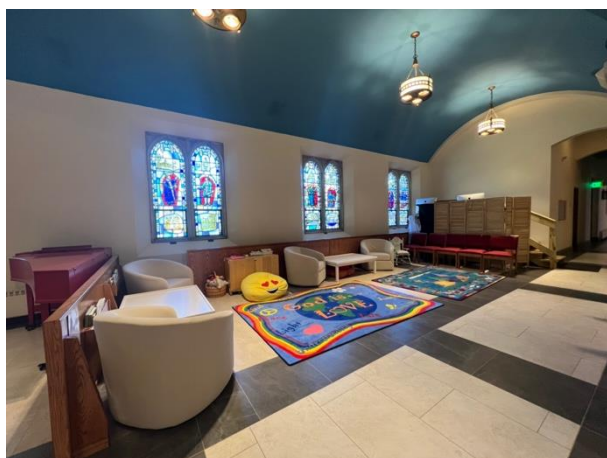




The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

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

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Arr. James Campbell

The Palmer Handbell Quartet

Lynn Hawxhurst, Nancy Wisecup Tar, Pat Geismar, Mary Fike

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, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy.

All: **Jesus will give us rest.**

One: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace.

All: **Christ will give us peace.**

One: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus.

All: **For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.**

One: Come, let us worship our God.

All: **Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.**

†HYMN

Praise To The Living God

8 New Century Hymnal

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison – remain standing)

God, we have become proficient in religious planning and performance. We can say all the correct words, but sometimes we leave our hearts far behind. We have sometimes kept ourselves busy.

But for many, self-sufficiency has left exhaustion in its wake, and we are left anxious and bereft. We give up trying to get our act together! We come to you now, as you have summoned us. Show us your heart and train us in humility. We ask for insight to see and to seize opportunities for rest. Thank you, gentle Savior. Amen.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

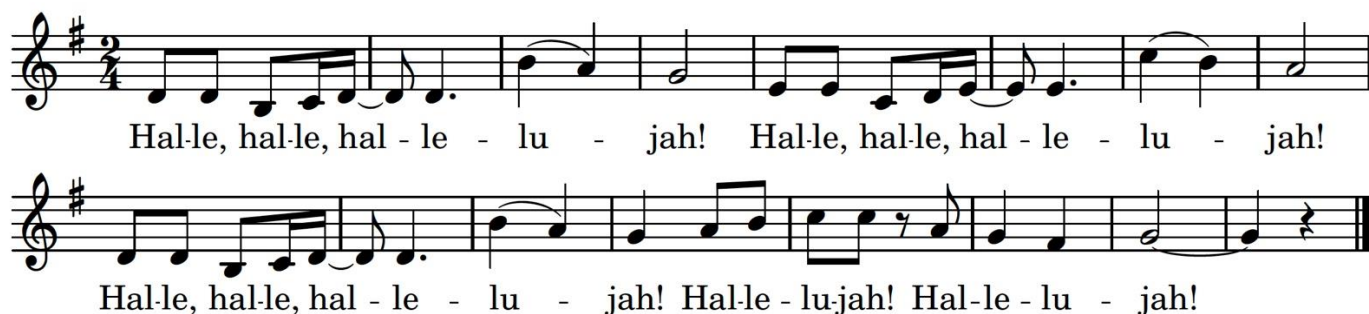
God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

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)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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

Zechariah 9 : 9-12
New Revised Standard Version
Mariann Ekernas

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

ANTHEM

Awake, Awake, To Love And Work
Arr. Craig Symons (b. 1962)
The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 10: 24-39
New Revised Standard Version

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

MESSAGE

Simple Curiosity
Reverend Patrick Collins

HYMN

God’s Eye Is On The Sparrow
475 New Century Hymnal

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

Henry Hull

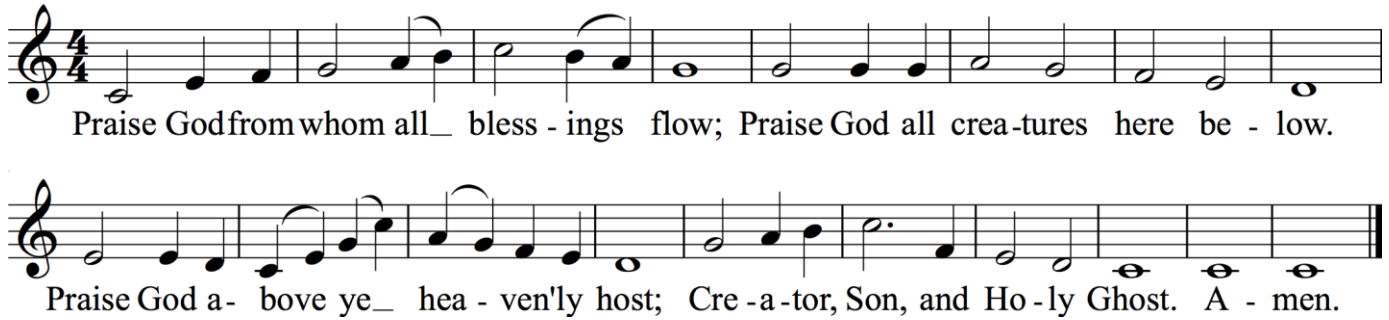
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Eyes For Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
The Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Lead On Eternal Sovereign
573 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation
Arr. James Campbell
The Palmer Handbell Quartet

† 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 a light snack. Hosts for the month of July are members of the Women's Fellowship.



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 handbags
Anything Barbie
Children's toys

The First Church Preschool is in need of refreshing and replenishing its library of children's books for ages 2-4. You may drop off any books at the church office or in the box outside the office.



FIRST CHURCH PRESCHOOL

"Learning Through Caring ~ For Ourselves, Each Other & Our Earth"

Preschool of First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT

COMING UP THIS SUMMER

BEACH SERVICES

Our 8 a.m. beach services continue at Greenwich Point. All are welcome to attend these worship experiences by the waters of Long Island Sound. No park pass is required – simply state that you're there for the First Church service and the gate attendant will let you in. Bring your beach chair or blanket for seating.



The remaining dates for the summer are:
July 16, 23, 30 - August 6, 13, 20

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.

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