



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION 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 the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, to the church, and to one another.

To welcome children as they are in worship, we have our **PrayGround**, located in the front right side of the Meetinghouse, where children and



others of all ages can engage in worship through movement, sensory materials, and prayerful play. The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all. Scan the QR code for FAQ and tips about our PrayGround.



GET THE FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Using your smartphone camera, scan the QR code here to sign up for our weekly Family Ministry newsletter. You can read about Church School, Regional Youth Ministry, and more!

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.



*First Church is a mask-friendly community of faith.
Anyone who prefers to wear a mask at church should feel comfortable doing so.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Suite In D Major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1653-1706)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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 worshiping 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: Praise God! Alleluia!

All: We praise the God of all creation.

One: Peace, salaam, shalom!

All: We come, praying for peace for all the nations.

One: We come with sumud— steadfastness - in solidarity with our global siblings.

All: We worship God, we follow Christ's call, and we follow the guidance of the Spirit.

One: Let us worship the one God, source of all life, ground of all being.

All: Let us worship God!

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

CHORAL INTROIT

Siyahamba
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele, Carolyn Paulus, piano

†HYMN

Gather Us In
401 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of all the nations, as we gather on this World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge that all is not right in the world. We long for peace~ in Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, and in all the places where there is violence and war. We grieve our nation's own contributions to that violence. Help us to remain steadfast in our commitment to global justice and peace. Open our hearts to our siblings throughout the world and open our hearts to your Spirit. In the name of Jesus, our savior, we pray, Amen.

**Moment of silence for personal reflection **

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†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)


Glory To God

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) (G) (D) F B^b F (G) B^b (D) (Em) (D) F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F




As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


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

RESPONSE

He's Got The Whole World



He's got the whole world__ in his hands, he's got the whole world__ in his hands, he's got the



whole world_____ in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-5, 9-12
Common English Bible
Juliet Primo

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

ANTHEM

The Offering
Craig Courtney (b. 1954)
The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

MESSAGE

Remember
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

One Bread, One Body
530 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

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

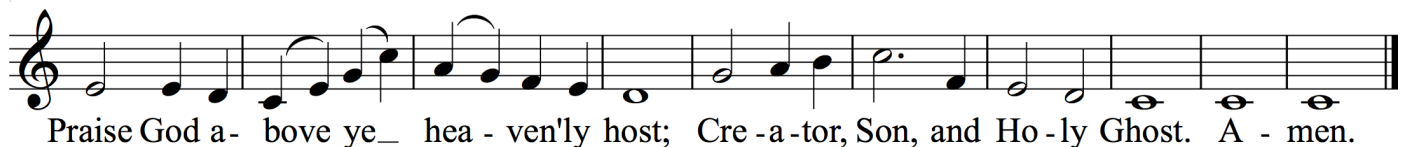
Carol Woodman

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together
Marianne Kim (b. 1970)

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*Please visit all of the Communion tables around the Meetinghouse with breads from around the world.
Traditional bread and cup will be offered at the front Communion table.
Whenever you finish exploring the tables, please return to your seat.*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So God, may we live to your glory. Amen.

†HYMN

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
453 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Psalm 19
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Oct 6 – World Communion Sunday – all-ages worship

Oct 13 – Regular Church School

Oct 20 – Regular Church School



HEALTH SCREENINGS/BLOOD PRESSURE



Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse is NOT available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. During the week, she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.

WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. Using the Wired Word 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. BYO lunch optional.



CELEBRATING DIVERSE WORSHIP EXPERIENCES: INTRODUCING THE SENSORY SANCTUARY

At FCCOG, we welcome that everyone worships in unique ways, and honor the diverse needs of our community. For many, sensory items can both greatly enhance their worship experience and also provide belonging and acceptance in the worship space. That's where the Sensory Sanctuary comes in: **a dedicated resource library designed to support sensory worship needs, located at the back of the Meetinghouse.**

The Sensory Sanctuary Resource Library offers a variety of items to help create a more inclusive worship environment, including: **Noise-Canceling Headphones:** To help reduce overwhelming sounds and create a more focused experience. **Fidgets:** A range of tactile items such as crochet hooks and yarn, finger labyrinths, thera-putty, and more, allowing individuals to engage their hands while they worship. **Focusing Visual Aids:** Tools that assist in maintaining attention and grounding oneself during worship. **An Alternative Seating Option:** Rocking chairs, catering to individual preferences and needs.

The Sensory Sanctuary is part of our ongoing commitment to providing the tools and resources that everyone deserves to make the Meetinghouse accessible and welcoming for all. We already do this through offerings like auditory aids and closed captioning, ramps and the Liftovator, and now, also through sensory implementations. We invite you to explore these resources and enrich your worship experience in a space that values and embraces diversity. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, or your sensory requirements, you are welcome at First Church.

TODAY - THE CHAMBER PLAYERS OF THE GREENWICH SYMPHONY

First Church is proud to be the new home of one of two concerts each series the coming season.

TODAY - Sunday, October 6 at 3 p.m., a woodwind concert will be held in the Meetinghouse, featuring works by **Elizabeth Brown** *Pentologue for Woodwind Quintet*, **Ludwig van Beethoven** *Sextet in E flat major Op. 71*, **Carl Nielsen** *Quintet for Winds Op. 43*.

Tickets are Adult Season: \$100 - Student Season: \$15

Adult Admission (per concert):\$35 Student Admission (per concert) \$5

For full information, visit www.chamberplayersofthegso.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Can you knit a basic stitch? If so, please consider knitting a prayer shawl for our ministry. It will bless you and the recipient. The few stolen moments of knitting a few rows while saying a prayer to the future recipient is peaceful and uplifting, I promise.

Join us in creating these prayer shawls, knitting into them our prayers, love and support. These shawls are then distributed to those experiencing a crisis or loss- and truly are beloved. No expertise needed as we use very forgiving yarn, larger needles and one basic stitch. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Rick's Room of First Church. We can supply the needles and yarn. Contact Angela Stevens for more information. angelamessinastevens@gmail.com Hope to see you soon!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ALLOCATIONS TO SEND GRANT APPLICATIONS

As we enter the fall season, it is now time to launch our Allocations cycle, by inviting local nonprofit organizations to apply for a grant from the proceeds of the Rummage Room for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

This past May, we distributed \$141,750 across 46 organizations. If there is an organization that you would like the Allocations Committee to invite to apply, please email sheilabennettms@gmail.com. Applications will be sent out at the end of the month.



VISIONING DATES

The Great Unveiling with Convergence, WEBINAR
Sunday, Sept 29, 11am to 12.30pm - Auditorium or
Tuesday, Oct 1, 7-8.30pm - Lounge or
Wednesday, Oct 2, 9.30-11am - Lounge

Visioning Discussion with Pastor Patrick
Sunday, Oct 13, 11am to 12pm - Lounge

Creative Churches: A Virtual Tour with Convergence
Sunday, Oct 20, 11am to 12.30pm - Auditorium or
Tuesday, Oct 22, 7-8pm - Lounge or
Wednesday, Oct 23, 9.30-11am - Lounge

Creative Vision Worship with Pastor Patrick
Sunday, Oct 27, 10-11am - Meetinghouse

Futures Lab with Convergence
Saturday, Nov 16, 10am to 2pm - Auditorium



A new 1/4ly Faith Formation offering, specially designed for young families!

Musical Morning Routines

Come learn some of your favorite Church School songs and how to incorporate these songs into your families daily faith!

October 17th, 2024

5:00pm Dinner

5:30 - 6:30 Program

108 Sound Beach Ave



Scan here to volunteer to decorate your vehicle. Can't decorate your vehicle and want to help? Donations of bags of candy are welcome. Please drop them by the Church Office the anytime before the event.

FCCOG GRANTED HISTORICAL LANDMARK STATUS



We are thrilled to announce that on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the Greenwich Historical Society awarded FCCOG prestigious Historical Landmark Status and have presented us a plaque in commemoration of that recognition. Our official celebration will be on Saturday, November 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Meetinghouse and Memory Garden, with details to follow.

Congratulations to FCCOG for this important recognition, and to Debbie Silverthorn and Pat Larrabee for their 17 months of tireless work helping us to achieve this. Here is a QR code that links to the video created by the Greenwich Historical Society on the history of First Church.



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