



SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY
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 Chapel (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

The flowers given in loving memory of George and Dorothy Fisk by their family

PRELUDE

Psalm 83

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

*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: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

All: Illumine our homes with the light of your love.

One: We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

All: From our mothers and those who have served as mothers in many ways, nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.

One: As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God. Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

All: As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, so we come to worship in His holy name.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
839 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

When we cry,
Wipe our eyes.

When we stumble,
Catch us.

When we are hungry,
Feed us.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

When we are ill,
Soothe us.

When we are weary,
Cover us with the warmth of your love.

God our Mother,
Comfort us
Today and every day
We pray.
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)

Halle, Hallelujah



Halle, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Halle, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Halle, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Halle - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

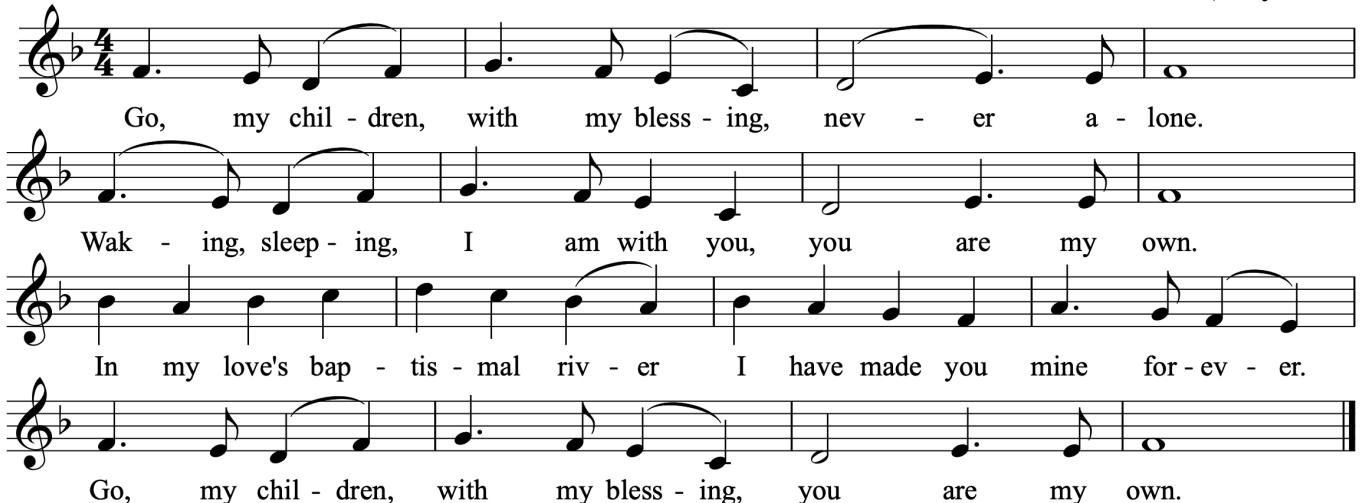
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will depart for Church School or return to their seats.)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

RESPONSE

Go, My Children



Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Common English Bible

Pat Mendelsohn

So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, “There’s no resurrection of the dead”? If there’s no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn’t been raised either. If Christ hasn’t been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn’t raise him if it’s the case that the dead aren’t raised. If the dead aren’t raised, then Christ hasn’t been raised either. If Christ hasn’t been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, and what’s more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He’s the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until he *puts all enemies under his feet*. Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end, since he has brought everything under control under his feet.

ANTHEM

Blessed Be The God And Father

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57
Common English Bible

Listen, I'm telling you a secret: All of us won't die, but we will all be changed—in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the final trumpet. The trumpet will blast, and the dead will be raised with bodies that won't decay, and we will be changed. It's necessary for this rotting body to be clothed with what can't decay, and for the body that is dying to be clothed in what can't die. And when the rotting body has been clothed in what can't decay, and the dying body has been clothed in what can't die, then this statement in scripture will happen:

Death has been swallowed up by a victory.

Where is your victory, Death?

Where is your sting, Death?

(Death's sting is sin, and the power of sin is the Law.) Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

MESSAGE

Bodies In Christ
Reverend Patrick Collins

HYMN

Break Thou The Bread Of Life
460 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

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 the bread and cup, then return to their seats by the side aisle.*

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

Bonnie Kelley-Young

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What A Fellowship
Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)
The Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Go To The World!
295 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Psalm 76
Emma Lou Diemer

† Please rise in body or in spirit

Join us for Community Hour in the Auditorium following worship this morning where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack.

Hosts for May are members of the Asset Management committee.



CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- May 12: Regular Church School (Communion)
- May 19: Confirmation Sunday (All Ages Worship)
- May 26: One-Room Schoolhouse

NOW SERVING DINNER!



The very popular opportunity to serve a meal for New Covenant Center Cafe visitors is open for sign-ups!



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A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

All the food will be delivered from ShopRite. Volunteers will slice bread, arrange desserts, and serve the hot meal. The NEW time commitment is 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m on the first Monday of the month. Scan the code on the left to sign up for your spot!

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:

Children's summer clothing

Jewelry

Ladies summer handbags



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY

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





KNIT & NOSH – CREATE BELOVED PRAYER SHAWLS

Did you knit many years ago? Or are you an avid knitter who'd like some company? Would you like to make new friends?

If you answered YES to any of the above, come to our next

workshop on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m.

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 at First Church.

Contact Angela Stevens for more information. angelamessinastevens@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon!

2024 FCCOG QUILT RAFFLE

- Raising Money for Charity -

Tickets Are On Sale Now!



Join us for a chance to win a beautiful blue handmade quilt. Our Women's Fellowship Kettle Quilters have been hard at work this past year. The colors are tones of blue and white, and it measures 80" wide and 92" long.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each, and will be on sale every Sunday after Worship, during Community Hour. You can also purchase them [ONLINE](#) They are also available to purchase at The Rummage Room during opening hours Monday through Thursday (11 am to 3 pm). Tickets are available for purchase up until 12 pm May 23.

Our raffle drawing will take place on Thursday, May 23 at 1 pm, during the Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting. (Need not be present to win.) All proceeds go to charities benefitting women, children, and families.

VISIONING TASK FORCE SURVEY UPDATE

Thanks to all who have responded to the Congregational Survey. To date, we have received 158 responses, but we believe there are still many of you who we need to hear from. Many long-term members (10 years or more) and women have responded. This means we encourage our newer families and people from younger generations to respond, not to mention the men out there who attend or participate with FCCOG in some manner. We intend to leave the Survey available at least until **May 15th** depending on the response rate. Please encourage your family members and those who you know are connected to FCCOG to respond to the Survey.

We want to know what you think, and to better understand our starting point!

- What should we continue doing?
- What should we do differently?
- What new activities and approaches would you like to see?

We want to hear from **YOU!** Every member of your family is invited to complete the survey. Take 10 minutes to complete the survey today!



REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY (RYM) ACTIVITIES



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- have powerful conversations
- learn about other people
- form connections through discussions & activities
- have tons of fun!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Local Service Projects
- Learn about Urban Poverty in Providence RI
- Teambuilding & Reflective Discussions
- Stay in Irons Homestead's Lodge

PRICE:
\$100
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!
For all questions:
KhaleighL@fccog.org



Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting Luncheon

Thursday May 23 at 11:30 AM

Join the women of First Church for our Annual Meeting Luncheon on Thursday, May 23rd at 11:30 AM in the auditorium. (Note - All women of First Church are automatically members of the Women's Fellowship.)

We will elect officers for the coming year, vote on By-Law revisions, and approve \$141,750 in allocations to 46 charities for 2024. The \$20 ticket includes a catered lunch and speakers from two of the agencies that will receive grants from us this year. Advance registration and payment are REQUIRED. We will be at Community Hour the next two Sundays to accept cash/checks and registrations.

(Checks should be made out to: Women's Fellowship FCCOG.)

The deadline for registration and payment is Sunday, May 19th.
Questions? Email carwestbrook@optimum.net

We look forward to seeing you there!

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