



*Faith First - Love Always*

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024  
TRINITY 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.

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## 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

## PRELUDE

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*  
Arr. Marilyn Biery (b. 1959)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## 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 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: For God so loved the world;

**All: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: In success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Let us worship God!**

## †CHORAL INTROIT

## †HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong To Save*  
8 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Blow, wind of God, blow away the tight rules that hold me back from trusting, risking, and loving. Blow away my sin that stands in the way of encountering my neighbors. Ready me for birth. Prepare me for risk. Equip me with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner. We cannot choose the stories we have inherited, but we can choose the stories that we become. 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.*

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*



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

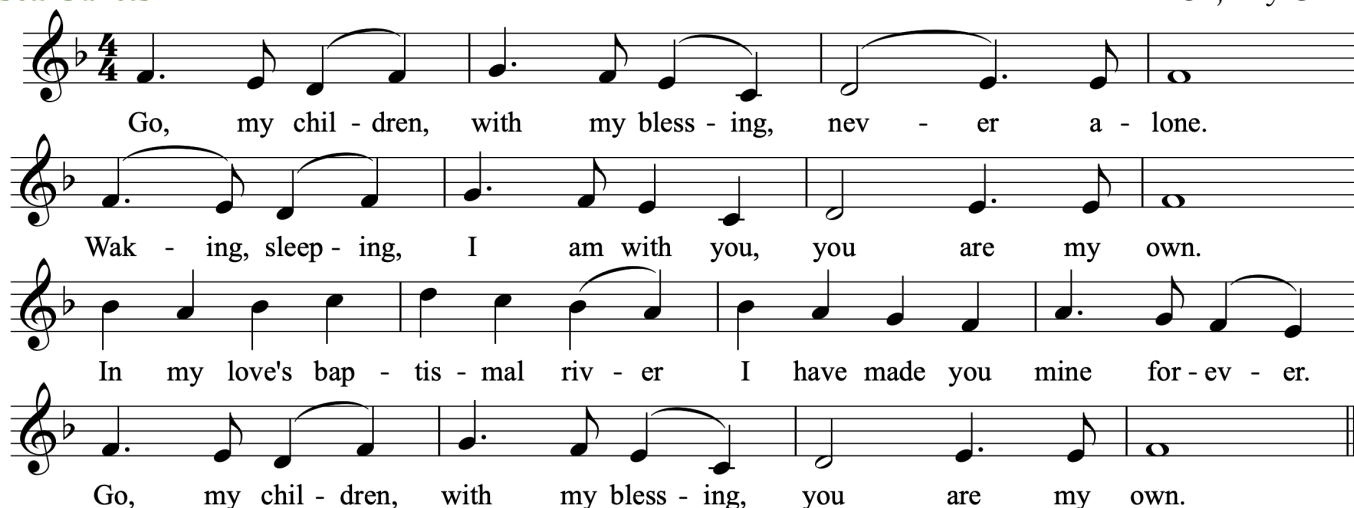
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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## RESPONSE

*Go, My Children*



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

† Please rise in body or in spirit



## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 6:1-8*  
Common English Bible  
Juliet Primo

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!

All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!"

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

## ANTHEM

*Undivided Mystery*  
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)  
The Summer Choir

*Holy Father, Saving Son,  
Blessed Spirit, Three in One:  
Undivided mystery,  
Author of eternity.*

*Loving God, Anointed Son,  
Eternal Spirit, Three in One:  
Word Incarnate, Well Beloved,  
Heav'nly King and Lord of Love.*

*Mighty God, Redeeming Son,  
With the Spirit, Three in One:  
As the sacred Trinity  
Alpha and Omega be.*

Beverly Easterling

## SECOND LESSON

*John 3:1-17*  
Common English Bible

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”

Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said, “How are these things possible?”

“Jesus answered, “You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don’t receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

## MESSAGE

*Born Of The Spirit*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## †HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
1 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## CALL TO OFFERING

Steve Weigner

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing*  
Richard Shepherd (1949-2021)  
The Summer Choir

*Come, ye people, Rise and sing praise to God, who made you,  
And to heaven's eternal King bring the prayers He bade you;  
Bring your praise for mercies past, All His love confessing,  
And on life, while life shall last, ask your Father's blessing.*

*Praise we God the Father's name for our world's creation,  
And His saving health proclaim unto every nation;  
Till, His name by all confessed, every heart enthrone Him,  
And from farthest east and west all His children own Him.*

*Praise we Son, and Holy Ghost, help us to adore Thee,  
Till, with all the angel host, low we fall before Thee;  
Till, throughout our early days guided, loved, forgiven,  
We can blend our songs to praise with the song of heaven!*

Cyril Arlington

## †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## †HYMN

*O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*  
338 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## †BENEDICTION

## †CHORAL RESPONSE

## †POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon*  
Andre Campra (1660-1744)

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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting - or 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.

**COMMUNITY**  
**HOUR**



## CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- May 26: One-Room Schoolhouse
- June 2: Celebration Sunday

## 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: Men's spring blazers and suits, summer handbags, summer tablecloths.

## QUILT RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Jean Thompson who won this year's quilt at the Women's Fellowship Luncheon on Thursday, May 23.

Thanks to all who attended and to all who bought tickets!!



## BEACH SERVICES RETURN THIS SUMMER!

Our summer beach services at Greenwich Point Park (Tod's Point) start June 9 at 8 a.m. The services are held near Innis Arden Cottage, the main building on your left as you enter the park. All are welcome if you have a beach pass or not – simply state you're here for First Congregational Church services and the guard will let you in. Bring your beach chair or blanket. There will also be activities for children.



Dates for beach services are:

June 9, 23, 30 – July 14, 21, 28 – August 4, 11, 18, 25


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**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

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## SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS



Please join the 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.

Prior to 9 a.m., head to the 3rd floor, outside the choir room, 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 and no robes will be worn!

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 822).

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# CHURCH SCHOOL BEACH EDITION

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AGES 3-6TH GRADE  
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JUNE  
23&30

JULY  
14,  
21&28

AUGUST  
4,11,  
18&25

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# **JUNE 7-9**

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