



SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024
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 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

Our flowers this morning are in memory of the Rev. Dr. Thomas L. and Rev. Brenda J. Stiers, and in honor of their wedding anniversary on June 4, 1961. Given by Gretchen Stiers and Heather Stiers-Dorn.

PRELUDE

Prelude on "All Things Bright And Beautiful"
Sandra Eithun (b. 1963)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, piano

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 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.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Rock-A-My-Soul
The Cherub Choir
Carol Woodman, director
Lynn Hawhurst, ukulele
Carolyn Paulus, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the game of life, we must be practiced in many things:

All: **Skills, employment, finances, networking.**

One: In the life of faith, we are called to be practiced in these things:

All: **Setting the standard for how to talk, act, love, and be faithful and pure.**

One: In the faith of this church, we seek to be practiced in this thing:

All: **Faith first, Love always. No matter who you are, you are welcome.**

No matter who you are, you belong.

One: Practice makes perfect. Let us worship our God here and now,

All: **So our practice gets put to good use when we go into the world.**

†HYMN

These Treasured Children
487 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Alida Elliott-Bocassi

God of every age, we can struggle to keep our hearts and minds focused on you when the world's myths and attention-grabs try to waste our time. Help us to follow the example set by Jesus and those who have come before us in faith, so we, too, can set an example of a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. May we not give into the anxieties of our lives but be comforted through the studying of your word and ways. May we not neglect the gifts given to us but use them for the betterment of all. And may we not give into the burdens of the world but do our part to evaluate our lives through our speech, conduct, faith, and love.

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.

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

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

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

Khaleigh Laicher

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.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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

1 Timothy 4: 6-16

The Voice Translation

Grayson and Jackson Atesmen

Place these truths before the brothers and sisters. If you do, you will be a good servant of Jesus the Anointed, raised and fed on words of true belief, trained in the good instruction you have so clearly followed. Reject worldly fables. Refuse old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself toward godliness. Although training your body has certain payoffs, godliness benefits all things—holding promise for life here and now and promise for the life that is coming. This statement is worthy of trust and our full acceptance. This is what we work so hard for! This is why we are constantly struggling: because we have an assured hope fixed upon a living God who is the Savior of all humankind—especially all of us who believe.

So go out and insist on these things. Teach them. Don't let anyone belittle you because you are young. Instead, show the faithful, young and old, an example of how to live: set the standard for how to talk, act, love, and be faithful and pure. Until I get there, make sure to devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching. Don't neglect the gift that was given to you through the prophecy spoken when the company of the elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, and live by them so that your progress will be visible to all. Take care of yourself, concentrate on your teaching, and stick with these things. If you do, then you will be effective in bringing salvation to yourself and all who hear you.

ANTHEM

God Of Grace And God Of Laughter

John Bertalot (b.1931)

The Celebration Singers

Vance Briceland, piano

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

What An Example
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke
Khaleigh Laicher

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Donna Hascher
Khaleigh Laicher

*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.

†HYMN

We Gather Here In Jesus' Name
510 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

It is a tradition at First Church for second graders to learn about communion more deeply.

*To mark this special emphasis, those youth will help to lead the congregation
through the Communion Liturgy and celebrate with their special Class 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.*

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ian Marten

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

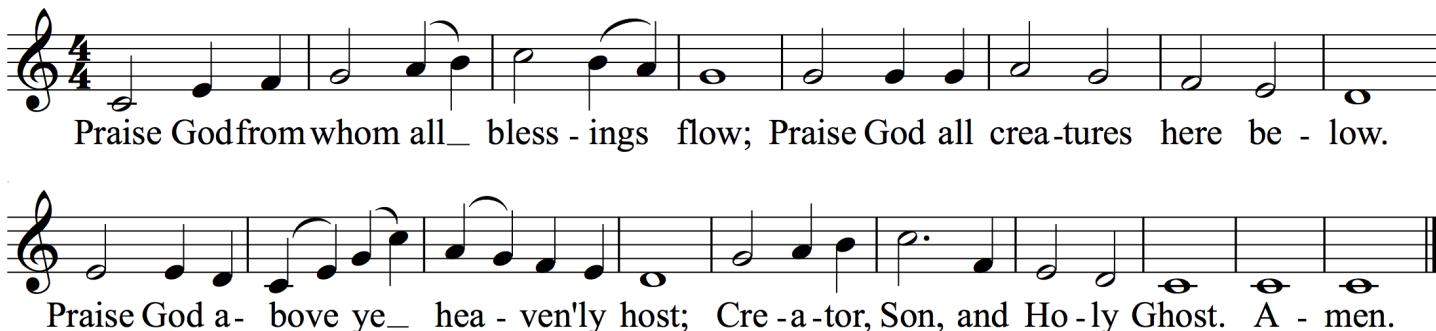
Emma Segura

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song Of Thanksgiving
Malcolm Archer (b.1952)
The Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Cre-a-tor, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

We Are One In The Spirit
300 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Improvisation

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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With special thanks and recognition to all of today's participants and Church School volunteers throughout the year:

Greeters: Amy Jenkins, Art Jenkins, and Sarah Jenkins

Worship Participants: Grayson Atesmen, Jackson Atesmen, Alida Elliott-Bocassi, Ashley Kovacic, Ian Marten, Emma Segura.

2nd Graders/Communion Class: Jackson Atesmen, Jonah Collins, Chloe Egas, Spencer Gartner, Amy Jenkins, Katherine Knowles, Lexington Worden.

3rd Graders/Bible Recipients: Grayson Atesmen, Harper Harriss, Patrick Kelly, Drew Kovacic, Emily Muir, Adam O'Brien, Kendall Reeves, Emma Segura, Ella Sippel.

Teachers: Kristen Bodenstein, Chris Cantwell, Sarah Cleworth, Meaghan Gruppo, Mary Ann Hawley, Kristin Knowles, Karin Kovacic, Maggie Lange, Katherine Magovern, Erin O'Brien, Liz O'Connor, Cara Olmsted, Christina Russell, Amalia Samuel, Sara Stuckey, Abby Wentworth.

High school assistants: Lara Olmsted, Emma Schneider, Charlie Stuckey.

School age assistants: Emma Marten, Ian Marten, Ashley Kovacic, Jack Schneider, Addie Stuckey, Claire Wentworth.

Faith Formation & Education Committee: Sarah Cleworth, Donna Hascher (co-chair), Diane Jenkins, Diane and Paul Kretschmann, Nanette Laffan, Khaleigh Laicher (Director of Church School), Cara Olmsted, Sarah Schneider (co-chair), Leslie VanDermeer, Peg Wentworth, and Pastor Cydney Van Dyke.

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 June are members of the Outreach committee.

COMMUNITY
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HOUR



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.



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



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).



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

CHURCH SCHOOL BEACH EDITION

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23&30

JULY
14,
21&28

AUGUST
4,11,
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