



SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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

PRELUDE

Psalm 123

To Thee I lift up my eyes, O Thou who art enthroned in the heavens!

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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 ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What mighty praise belongs to You, O God! You are the God of our salvation, answering our prayers with mighty deeds, and forgiving our sins with endless love. You are the hope of the whole world.

All: We will fulfill the promises we've made to you, in the company of your people, in this sanctuary where you meet us.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

O God, In Whom All Life Begins
308 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

We gather today, O Lord of Life, seeking fullness. Not the fullness our world offers, but fullness that comes from you. We spend so much of our lives on things that do not count. Things that promise much and give little. Help us today, to find fulfillment in your love. May we discover all you have to give, and seek you while we yet have the gift of days. Lift us, O God, to a higher plane of living, as we lift our hearts and minds and souls into your Holy presence. 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)

Halle, Hallelujah

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

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

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

Isaiah 55:10-13
New Revised Standard Version
Mary Fike

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

ANTHEM

Let The Whole Creation Cry
Roland Martin (b. 1955)
The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 65
New Revised Standard Version

Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

MESSAGE

A Joyful Creation
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

To Bless The Earth
38 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

OFFERTORY DUET

Just As I Am, I Come

Arr. Mary McDonald

Carol Woodman, soprano

Thomas Woodman, baritone

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all_ bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low.



Praise God a- bove ye_ hea - ven'ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Give To The Winds Thy Fears

815 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Toccata In E Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

Join us for Community Hour in the back of the Meetinghouse following worship this morning before the Annual Meeting 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 HOUR

ANNUAL MEETING

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

The 353rd Annual Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday June 23, 2024 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 am worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and Committee members and to fill other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024
- To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

Members are encouraged to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable. However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, please follow the instructions in the Friday emails. The meeting may be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

Carol Woodman,
Church Clerk

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: summer handbags, summer shoes for all.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SOCIALS

The first of three Women's Fellowship Summer Socials is Monday, June 24 from 5:30 pm at the Sue Baker Pavilion at Greenwich Point. The rain date is the following evening. We bring our own food/drinks and meet for an informal gathering. Feel free to bring a friend/neighbor. If you don't have a current Greenwich beach pass, we can arrange a ride from the church parking lot if you let Car

Westbrook know. Future dates are: Monday, July 22 and Monday, August 26 with rain dates the following evenings. Questions? Contact Car Westbrook at carwestbrook@optimum.net.

BEACH SERVICES

Our summer beach services are at Greenwich Point Park (Tod's Point) 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 30 – July 14, 21, 28 – August 4, 11, 18, 25



SUMMER CHOIR

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).



VISION TASK FORCE SURVEY RESULT MEETING

The Vision Task Force (VTF) invites the membership and friends of FCCOG to join us on **NEXT Sunday, June 30, 2024 after the 10 a.m. service** to hear the results of the Visioning Survey and Community Leader interviews done by the VTF.

UCC MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Last week, you should have received an email about the National Conference of the UCC Musicians Association (UCCMA) being held here at First Church July 10-13. There are lots of ways to volunteer (and we need lots of you!!) during the conference, so check your email and click on the links to sign up! If you have questions, please contact Craig after worship, or email him at craigs@fccog.org

UCCMA GALA OPENING CONCERT

On Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m., Nathan Avakian will present a concert on the New York Theater Organ Society Allen Digital Touring Organ right here in our Meetinghouse. The concert is free and open to the public! Mark your calendars and invite your friends!!



OUTREACH NEWS

NOW SERVING DINNER!



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

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

RISE AGAINST HUNGER NEWS

The 20,008 meals that you packed on April 28 for RAH are on the move - they are headed to The Democratic Republic of Congo!

Located in the center of Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the second largest country in Africa, with the fourth largest population. Child malnutrition is widespread, and most of the population lives in conditions of moderate to serious food insecurity. The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorizes the DRC as having an “alarming” level of hunger. The meals will be served to children at schools and early child development centers as part of Rise Against Hunger’s Nourishing Lives Pathway.

Thank you, First Church!

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JUNE
23&30

JULY
14,
21&28

AUGUST
4,11,
18&25

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