



SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024
THIRD 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

Pedal Exercitium
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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 ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world,

All: **declaring that God called the created universe "good."**

One: We are called to bring this hope in God with us wherever we go,

All: **declaring that God makes all things new again.**

One: Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another.

All: **So let's join together in our love of God to worship and give thanks.**

†HYMN

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God
32 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

In the beginning God created all things, and God saw that they were good. At our beginning, God created us unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before God created us. In all our new beginnings, God creates something new so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in this beautiful place. 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



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



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

Genesis 1:1-25
Common English Bible
Mariann Ekernas

When God began to create the heavens and the earth— the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters— God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

God said, “Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other.” God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. God named the dome Sky.

There was evening and there was morning: the second day.

God said, “Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear.” And that’s what happened. God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. God said, “Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth.” And that’s what happened. The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth.” And that’s what happened. God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was.

There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God

saw how good it was. Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

God said, “Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife.” And that’s what happened. God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was.

ANTHEM

Creator of Beauty And Giver Of Light

Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 1:26 – 2:4

Common English Bible

Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

God created humanity in God’s own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.” Then God said, “I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food.” And that’s what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

MESSAGE

Very Good

Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens
24 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

Pat Mendelsohn

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling
Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)
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

Let's Sing Unto The Lord
669 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Vivace

William Boyce (1711-1779)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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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 June are members of the Outreach committee.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sue Asselin, Parish Nurse is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. If community hour is outside, look for her there. If inside, she will be in her office, just to the right of the Auditorium stage. During the week, she is available by appointment by calling 203-637-1791 ext. 821.



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, baby clothes for all.



FATHER'S DAY PHOTO REQUEST

Please submit photos via email to carolyns@fccog.org or drop by the church office and hand deliver! We will collect photos up to Thursday June 13. Photos can be of an individual or including you and children. The photos will be shown in worship on Sunday, on our livestream, on YouTube (if you miss it!), and in the Friday eblast.

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 23, 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 FCCCOG to join us on Sunday, June 30, 2024 after the 10AM service to hear the results of the Visioning Survey and Community Leader interviews done by the VTF.



Hosted by the Greenwich Fellowship of Clergy

INTER- FAITH PRIDE SERVICE

Wednesday
June 12th
2024
6:30
pm

Outdoor Meadow at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church in Riverside
200 Riverside Ave, Riverside, CT

**Family Friendly
Participation
Affirmation
Community
Prayer
Music
and Ice
Cream
Social**

Bring a chair
or blanket!
Raining? Join
us inside!

Sponsors: Temple Sholom, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Riverside, First Congregational Church, St. Francis Stamford,
Second Congregational Church, Roundhill Community Church,
& North Greenwich Congregational Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

CHURCH SCHOOL BEACH EDITION

NO
BEACH
PASS
NEEDED

DURING FCCOG'S BEACH SERVICE
A 8 M

@ GREENWICH POINT - INNIS A. COTTAGE

AGES 3-6TH GRADE
SHORT & FUN

JUNE
23&30

JULY
14,
21&28

AUGUST
4, 11,
18&25

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