



SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024
TENTH 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

The flowers on the altar are from the McGonigle and Serenbetz families
in honor of the baptism of their grandson Rory Lewis McGonigle

PRELUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

James Biery (b. 1956)

Steven Russell, guest director/organist

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 WORSHIP

One: Come and see the love God has given to us.

All: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

One: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

All: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

In Christ Called To Baptize

297 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Lord of Dawn and Darkness, how grateful we are for your loving mercies. You saw our fear and doubt, our suspicion, our mistrust, and you banished them from our lives, replacing them with hope, peace, love, and joy.

Be with us, as we participate in ministries of healing and hope through this church, in our community, region, nation, and world. Give us courage and strength to be your disciples in all the circumstances of our lives; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rory Lewis McGonigle

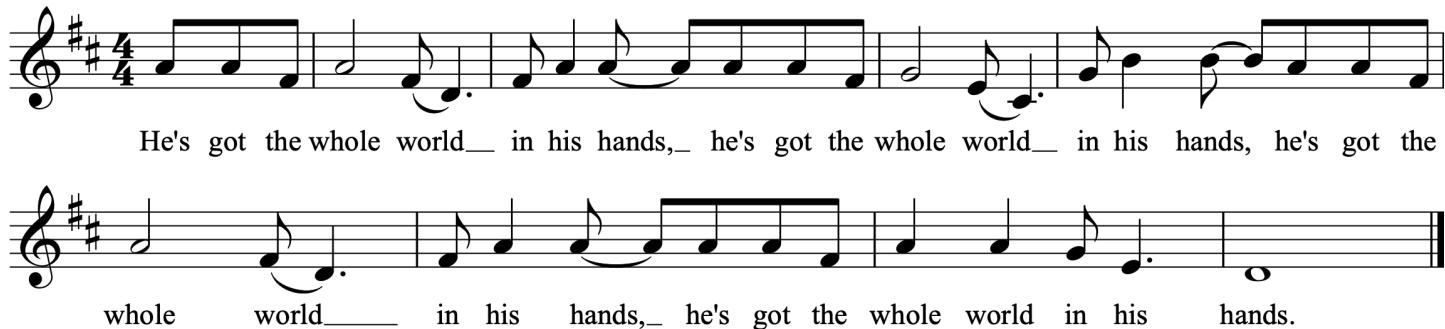
Son of Margaret Serenbetz and John McGonigle

BAPTISMAL PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on Rory, that you will watch over him and guide him, as he grows in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

John 10: 11-18
New Revised Standard Version
Anders Ekernas

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

ANTHEM

The Best Of Rooms
Charles Wood (1866-1926)
The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3: 1-7
New Revised Standard Version

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

MESSAGE

For What It Is
Reverend Patrick Collins

HYMN

You Servants Of God
299 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Henry Hull

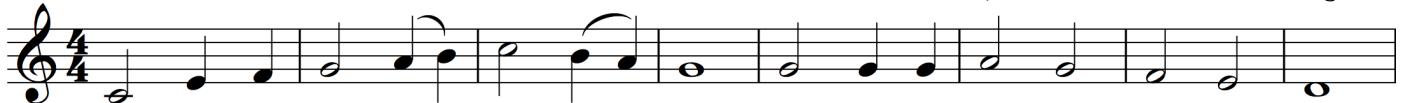
ORGAN OFFERTORY

Thy Strong Word

John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

†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

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
310 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord
Monte Thomas

† Please rise in body or in spirit

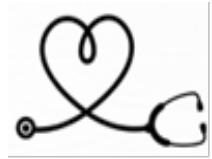
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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for July are members of the Women's Fellowship committee.

HEALTH SCREENINGS/BLOOD PRESSURE

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.



THE RUMMAGE ROOM



The Rummage Room will be open this week - Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with the same hours for donation drop off. It will be closed from August 8 through September 2 for annual cleaning and restocking, and reopen for a new season on Tuesday September 3

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!



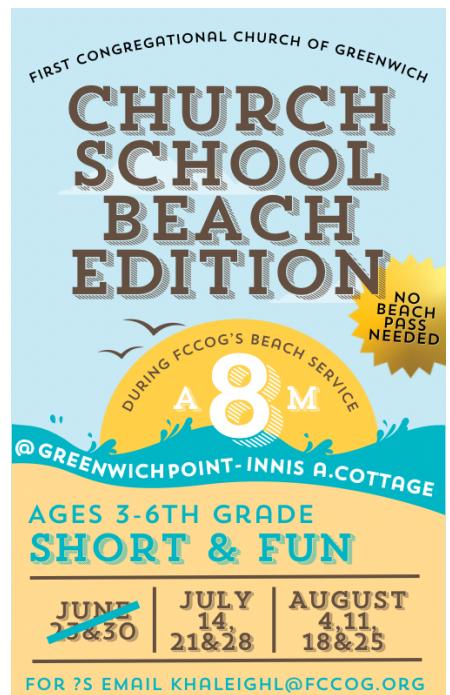
BEACH SERVICES

Our summer beach services are at Greenwich Point Park (Tod's Point) at 8 a.m. and are held near Innis Arden Cottage. 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. Dates for beach services are August 4, 11, 18, 25

RESULTS OF SURVEY FROM VISION TASK FORCE & CONVERGENCE



For those wanting to review the results of the Vision Survey and hear a replay of the report-out by Convergence, please check your email for the recent Friday e-blast which has links with those details. Feel free to contact anyone on the VTF with questions and ideas.



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