



SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

SEVENTH 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

His Truth Is Marching On
Raymond Haan (b. 1938)
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 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 rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord!

All: **Sing songs and hymns of praise; celebrate together in God's presence!**

One: For the word of the Lord holds true forever, and everything God does is worthy of our trust.

All: **Let all the earth stand in awe of our God,**

One: for God spoke, and the world came into being; God breathed, and the heavens were born.

All: **God shatters the plans of the nations, and frustrates all their schemes.**

One: But the plans of our Creator stand firm forever; God's intentions are unshakeable.

All: **Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people are known by God's name.**

One: Let your unfailing love surround us, O God,

All: **for our hope is in you alone.**

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

God Of The Ages
331 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder. We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair. We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures. We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine. We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally.

In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom. 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.

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

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

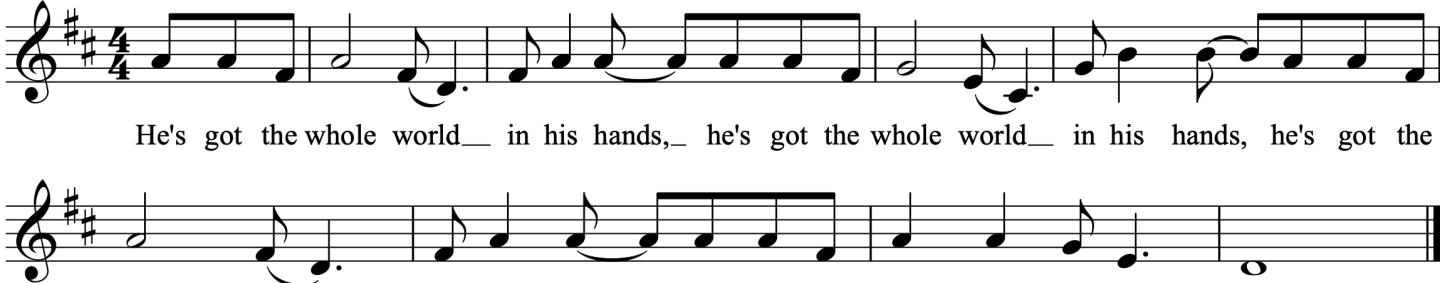
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the response, the children will return to their seats.)

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 10:12-21
New Revised Standard Version
Charles Stuckey

“So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

SOLO

Lady Of The Harbor
Lee Hoiby (1926-2011)
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

SECOND LESSON

Leviticus 26:3-13
New Revised Standard Version

“If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall overlap the vintage, and the vintage shall overlap the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full and live securely in your land. And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a

hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will maintain my covenant with you. You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make way for the new. I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you. I will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

MESSAGE

This Land Of Ours
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

This Is My Song
340 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

THE SACRAMENT OF 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.*

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

Linnea Conley

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Of The Ages
Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)
The Summer Choir

† Please rise in body or in spirit

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures 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

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

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

† 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.





EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR

SUMMER PICNIC

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD
AND DRINK AND WE WILL
SUPPLY THE ICE CREAM!**

**Thursday, July 11
5.30 pm to 7 pm**

NEW LOCATION AT TOD'S POINT

Picnic area at end of Greenwich Point, facing Manhattan skyline. Drive past OG Yacht Club, windsurfing area and past caretakers home. Pull into next parking lot on right. Walk towards picnic tables on your right. We will have BALLOONS visible.

Contact Betsy Kreuter

betsykreuter@hotmail.com to car pool if you do not have a Greenwich Beach Pass

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 business shirts
Fall handbags
Jewelry

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, 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 July 14, 21, 28 – 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.

Thanks,
The Vision Task Force

UCC MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE



By now, you should have received a couple emails 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 during the conference (and we need lots of you!!), 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!!



FRIDAY JULY 12, 7:30 P.M. - MEETINGHOUSE



Members of First Church are being invited to this special concert as a thank-you for the work done to host the conference. The Cabaret Concert features singing sensations **Seth Sikes** and **Nicolas King**, accompanied by pianist **Billy Stritch**. **Sikes** is one of New York's most popular young nightclub singers. His critically acclaimed tributes to Judy Garland (which won a Broadway World Award), Liza Minnelli, and Barbra Streisand are a consistent draw for audiences. **King** is an award-winning artist who's been 'belting' out tunes since he was 4-years old, having been seen in dozens of TV commercials, and numerous times on Broadway opposite Tom Selleck, Carol Burnett, Linda Lavin and Andrea McArdle. **Stritch** was the pianist/musical director for Liza Minnelli for over 25 years and toured with Tony Bennett as his pianist and musical director.

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

On Saturday morning July 13, 11:00 a.m. the conference closing worship will be in the Meetinghouse and the public is welcome to attend this inspiring service, with guest preacher **Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly**, Acting Conference Minister (during the summer sabbatical of Rev. Darrell Goodwin), vocal choir (**Tom Shelton**, conductor - associate professor of Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College), handbell choir (**Ellen Dickinson**, Executive Director Music On The Hill, Wilton, CT), and organist **Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs**, (Director of Chapel Music at Yale University) comprised of local musicians and conference attendees.

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14,
21&28

AUGUST
4,11,
18&25

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