



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

declares itself to be Open and Affirming (ONA); 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.

Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you this day and are glad you are here! May worship be a blessing to you.

First Church Welcomes *You.*

With Worship. A casual tone, stirring music, moving prayers, & a faith-invoking message. **Prayer Book requests** (in Narthex) are uplifted during the Prayers of the People.

With Inclusion. Open & Affirming (ONA). We make a point of meeting all and name tags are worn.

With Communion. The first Sunday of each month, all ages share in the sacred meal together. We use juice & gluten-free bread!

With Care. We pass the Peace of Christ to one another. We are a mask-friendly, come-as-you-are, leave-as-a-friend community.



First Church Welcomes *Children.*

The PrayGround. In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

Cherub Choir, Celebration Singers, & Genesis Choir. Children of all ages are welcome to offer music in worship!

Children's Message. A moment for kids & the child in each of us.

Church School. Faith learnings for the day continue in the Undercroft classrooms after the Children's Message.

Children's Take Home Library. Located by the PrayGround. Check out what interests you & bring it back next week!



First Church Welcomes *All.*

Sensory Sanctuary & Rocking Chairs. Focusing resources located in the back of the Meetinghouse.

Visual Worship Aids & Live captioning. Found on the monitors.

Audio Hearing Aids. To use, ask Greeters or Ushers.

Spaces in Meetinghouse for Wheelchair Users

Exterior Ramp. In the back of the Meetinghouse, driveway side.

Liftavators. Located inside, from Narthex to Auditorium Level & Outside in the Memory Garden.



Enjoy a cup of coffee, food, & fellowship at *Community Hour* after the service!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*First Church is a mask-friendly community of faith. Anyone who prefers to wear a mask should feel comfortable doing so.
Please know our worshipping community gathers in-person and online via livestream
with multiple camera angles of the Meetinghouse and congregation.
Audio Hearing Aids are available for your use during the service. See an usher to request a device.
Please silence all electronic devices.*

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of Alice Wentworth's 100th Birthday (July 24).
Alice is the mother of Philip, Abby's mother-in-law and Claire's grandmother.
Alice is a frequent attendee of the First Church services via the streaming services.

PRELUDE

Bist Du Bei Mir (Be Thou With Me)
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,
All: **but Christ who chose us,**
One: That we are not here because of our goodness
All: **but because of Christ's grace,**
One: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
All: **but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**
One: That we have not come to be entertained
All: **but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come!
744 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. We are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. It makes us want to close our eyes. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we may more fully serve you. In Jesus' name we pray, 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: May the peace of Christ be with all of you.
All: And also with you.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

Halle, Hallelujah



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10
New International Version
Claire Wentworth

In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.
I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.
Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.
Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.
All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

SOLO

He's Got The Whole World
Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)
Carol Woodman, soprano

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:25-37
New Revised Standard Version

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

MESSAGE

Who Is Not?
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

Let Us With A Gladsome Mind
31 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.

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Karen Yancey



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Total Praise
Richard Smallwood (1948-2025)
The Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak
722 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Allegro
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack.

**COMMUNITY
HOUR**

BULLETIN NOTE

As we continue to be good stewards of our resources and the planet, we are reducing the number of bulletins being printed. Since virtually everything is on our monitors in the Meetinghouse, particularly announcements, we are asking that families take just one (1) bulletin per family to help us keep printing costs down. Thank you.



**HOMECOMING
SUNDAY**
Sunday, September 13
10 a.m.
Worship in the Meetinghouse

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Luncheon in the Auditorium
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Main course provided!
Please bring a side dish or dessert,
based on your last name:
A-L - Side dish
M-Z - Desserts

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**First Congregational Church of Greenwich
presents**
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, September 19 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
108 Sound Beach Avenue Old Greenwich

Popcorn, ice-cream, cotton candy for purchase
Bouncy castle & a bouncy obstacle course
Crafts & play area for toddlers

- *Dunk the Pastors
- *Face painting
- *Balloon Artist
(*for a nominal fee)

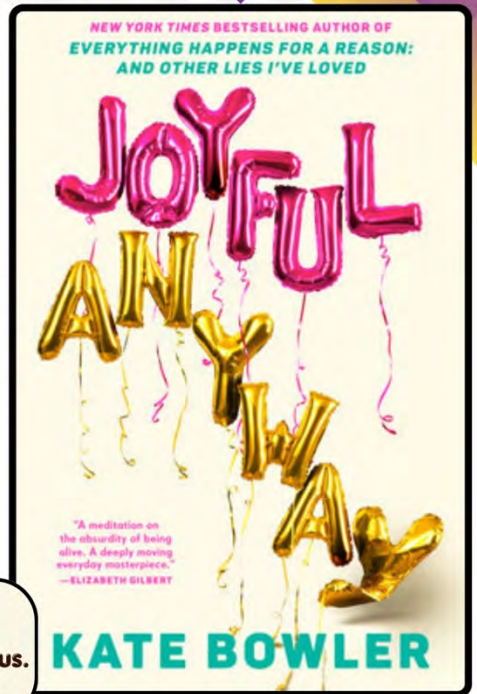
SUMMER BOOK CHAT

2 Options:

- **Tues, Sept 1**
6-7:30pm | dinner
Bosco's Bar & Grille
in Old Greenwich
- **Thurs, Sept 3**
10-11:30am | coffee
Coffee for Good in
Central Greenwich

All are welcome!
Come even if you
didn't read it!

What to know
about this book:
**Profound. Humorous.
Deeply human.**



HOSTED BY FCCOG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, *we need to talk*

perimenopause • menopause • hormones
Nothing is off limits

Thursday Night
September 10, 7-9pm

Q&A with local experts

Dr Shieva Ghofrany, MD
Board Certified OB/GYN &
Women's Health Specialist

Dr Rosella Menta, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacist &
Bioidentical Hormone
Therapy Specialist

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Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

