



SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



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.

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

†CALL TO WORSHIP – OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT (in unison)

Our church's mission is to proclaim the gospel to all people and to work for the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and human understanding in all our relationships. We strive through our example to overcome exclusionary practices, discrimination and violence in our society based upon considerations, including but not limited to race, ancestry, age, physical or mental limitations, gender, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and religious background. We commit ourselves to work towards ending hatred, prejudice and discrimination, thereby providing a safe physical, emotional and spiritual haven. As Jesus accepted and included all people, so do we as individuals and as a congregation welcome all who wish to enter our community of faith and invite their participation in the full life of the church. Without exception, we accept each person who joins our community of faith, as an individual and our equal within God's family. Therefore, The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

16 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Loving God, we confess that we often measure our worth by comparing ourselves to others. We focus on what we lack instead of recognizing the gifts you have placed within us. Remind us that we are your beloved children, created with purpose and held in grace. Help us to see ourselves and one another through your eyes of love. 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

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

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 118:19-29
New Revised Standard Version
Meaghan Gruppo

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

ANTHEM

There's A Wideness
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)
Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst, Rick Derr, handchimes
The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 29 (selected verses)
The Message

Jacob continued his journey and came to a well in an open field. Around it were several flocks of sheep waiting to be watered. A large stone covered the mouth of the well, and the shepherds explained that they could not move it until everyone had gathered.

As Jacob was speaking with them, Rachel arrived with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd. When Jacob learned who she was, he stepped forward, rolled away the heavy stone, and watered her flock. Then he introduced himself as a relative from her father's family. Rachel ran home and told her father, Laban.

When Laban heard the news, he hurried out to meet Jacob, embraced him, and welcomed him into his home. Jacob stayed with Laban for a month. Then Laban said to him, "You should not work for me without being paid. Tell me what you would like as your wages."

Now Laban had two daughters, Leah and Rachel. Jacob loved Rachel, and so he said, "I will work for you seven years if you will give Rachel to me in marriage."

Laban agreed, and Jacob worked seven years. Yet those years seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for Rachel.

When the seven years were complete, Laban held a great wedding feast. But instead of giving Rachel to Jacob, Laban gave him Leah. The next morning, Jacob realized what had happened.

Jacob confronted Laban. "Why have you deceived me?" he asked. "Was it not Rachel that I worked seven years to marry?"

Laban replied, "In our custom, the older daughter is married before the younger. Complete this wedding celebration, and then Rachel will be given to you as well. But you must work another seven years." Jacob agreed. After the wedding celebration was over, Rachel was given to him also, and Jacob worked for Laban another seven years.

And Jacob loved Rachel deeply, just as he had from the day they first met at the well.

MESSAGE

Chosen
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
272 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Using your smartphone messaging app,
text FCCOG Donate to 73256 or scan the QR code to donate.

Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst



SOLO

Built Upon The Rock
Sally DeFord (b. 1959)
Daniel Young, tenor

†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.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
260 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the back of the Meetinghouse 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
HOUR

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - TODAY



Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage, or in the Memory Garden weather permitting. During the week, Sue is available by appointment. Email susana@fccog.org or call 203-637-1791 extension 821.



Caregivers Support Group – Weekly, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Lounge

This group is designed for those who find themselves the primary caregivers to aging parents, ailing spouses, or have otherwise had their lives impacted by the care needs of others.

The group is facilitated by Dedee Rigg, an experienced pastoral counselor and long-time caregiver to her husband Jerry. Dedee graduated from Union Theological Seminary and was ordained to pastoral counseling ministry here at First Church in 1981. After clinical training, she practiced psychotherapy & pastoral counseling in Greenwich for 40 years. Dedee initially worked with adults and couples suffering from both individual and marital issues and later, after the loss of a son, she specialized in grief counseling. For 19 years she was the primary caretaker for her husband Jerry who died of Alzheimer's disease. She offers her experience as a therapist and a caretaker in this support group.

To learn more, contact Pastors Cydney or Patrick, or Parish Nurse Sue Asselin.

Beach Services – Summer 2026

June 28

July 12, 19, 26

August 2, 23, 30

**All-Church Beach Services are
August 9 & 16
(No Meetinghouse Service)**

8 A.M. AT GREENWICH POINT PARK

ALL ARE WELCOME - SIMPLY SAY YOU'RE THERE FOR FIRST CHURCH SERVICE

BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIR OR BLANKET



Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF THE 355TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 355th Annual Meeting of the members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday, June 28, 2026 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and members of the Church Council and to fill other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.
 - To vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws.
 - To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.
 - To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees.
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The meeting may be recorded for the purpose of taking of minutes. We encourage you to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable. However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, the instructions are printed in the Friday email blast.

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk



SUMMER

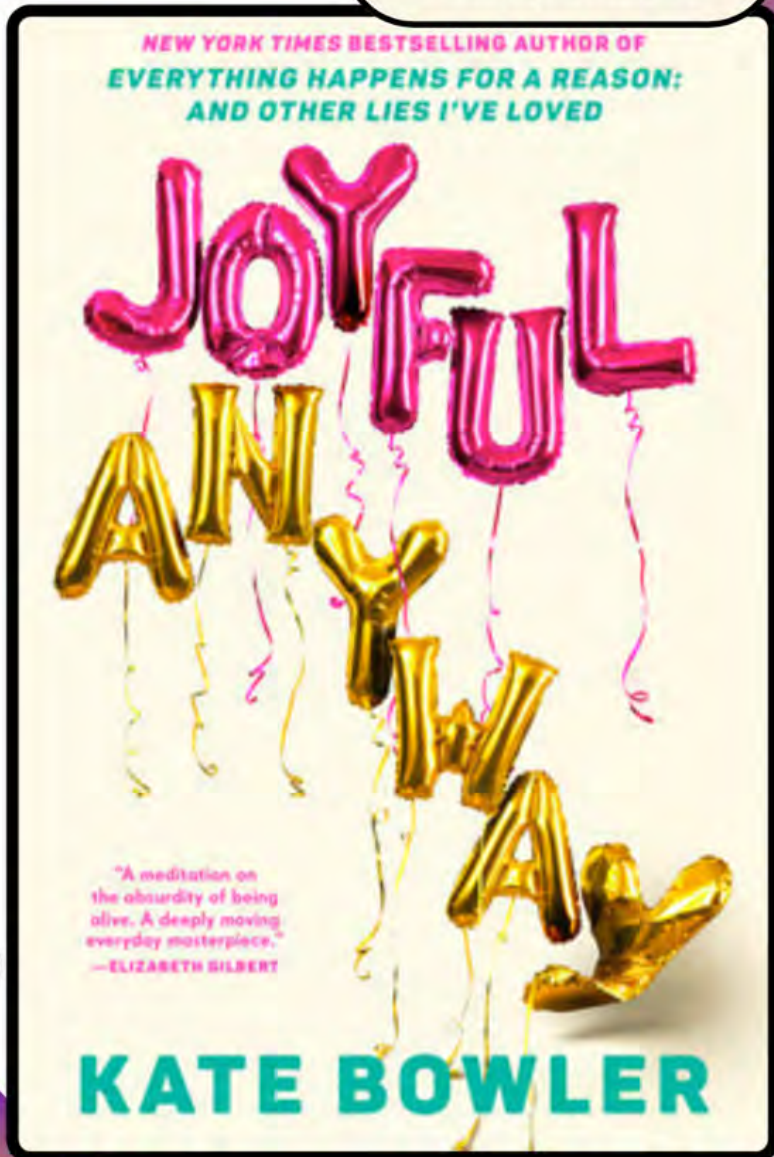
BOOK READ

Grab your copy
wherever you get
books/audio books.

3 months to read
at your leisure.

We'll talk about it in
small groups at the
end of summer.(TBD)

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



HOSTED BY FCCOG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Discover community activities in 2026

All women of the church are welcome!

Scan the QR code for the **GroupMe** app or visit **www.GroupMe.com** from your desktop for Women's Fellowship activity updates

For questions, email
Sara Stuckey
(sdstuckey@gmail.com)



Scan here with your smartphone camera!



Summer beach outings

Mondays @ 5:30

June 22, July 27 & August 24,
rain dates the next day, respectively

We plan 3 monthly beach outings this summer! All women in our Church and your guests are invited to bring your own picnic and beverage.

For those who live outside Greenwich, we will meet to carpool in the Church parking lot at 5:15pm in the car of a Greenwich resident with a beach pass.

IF YOU NEED TO CARPOOL, please let Pat Larrabee know. Her email is in the Friday email blast.

Location: The Sue H. Baker Pavilion at The Old Barn at Greenwich Point

FAITH IS A JOURNEY WE STEP INTO.
MEMBERSHIP IS SIMPLY ONE WAY
OF SAYING:

"I WANT TO KEEP WALKING THIS
ROAD TOGETHER."

IF YOU HAVE BEEN WORSHIPING,
WONDERING, GROWING, SERVING,
OR SEARCHING ALONGSIDE US,
PERHAPS THIS IS YOUR NEXT STEP.

AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH,
BECOMING A MEMBER IS SIMPLE:

HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ONE
OF OUR PASTORS ABOUT YOUR
FAITH JOURNEY AND DESIRE TO BE
PART OF THIS COMMUNITY.



JOIN THE JOURNEY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP
AND BECOME A MEMBER
OF FIRST CHURCH



NARRATIVE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday at 12 noon
in the First Church Lounge,
Pastor Patrick leads a group in a new
adult education opportunity.

We'll dive into the
Narrative Lectionary
daily readings, opening space for
honest conversation,
fresh insights, and shared discovery.

For the past 2-3 years, First Church has been using the
Narrative Lectionary as our primary scripture focus in Sunday worship.

Whether you are brand new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, you'll find
a welcoming circle to explore how God's story connects with our own.

Come as you are, bring your questions, curiosity,
an open heart, and your lunch (optional).



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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

