



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHT 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

GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God meets us in moments we do not always understand.

All: **God's grace continues to work within us.**

One: Through every question, struggle, and faithful step, we are being transformed.

All: **What seems unfinished may still be unfolding.**

One: Let us open ourselves to the patient movement of God.

All: **Let us worship the One who is making all things new.**

HYMN

God Of Great And God Of Small

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 139:1-13

New Revised Standard Version

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

ANTHEM

Jubilate
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)
The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:17-22
New Revised Standard Version

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

MESSAGE

A Slow Unfolding

COMMUNION

We practice open Communion – all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God's people are welcome to receive Communion, including children of all ages, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation. All are welcome to the table of God.

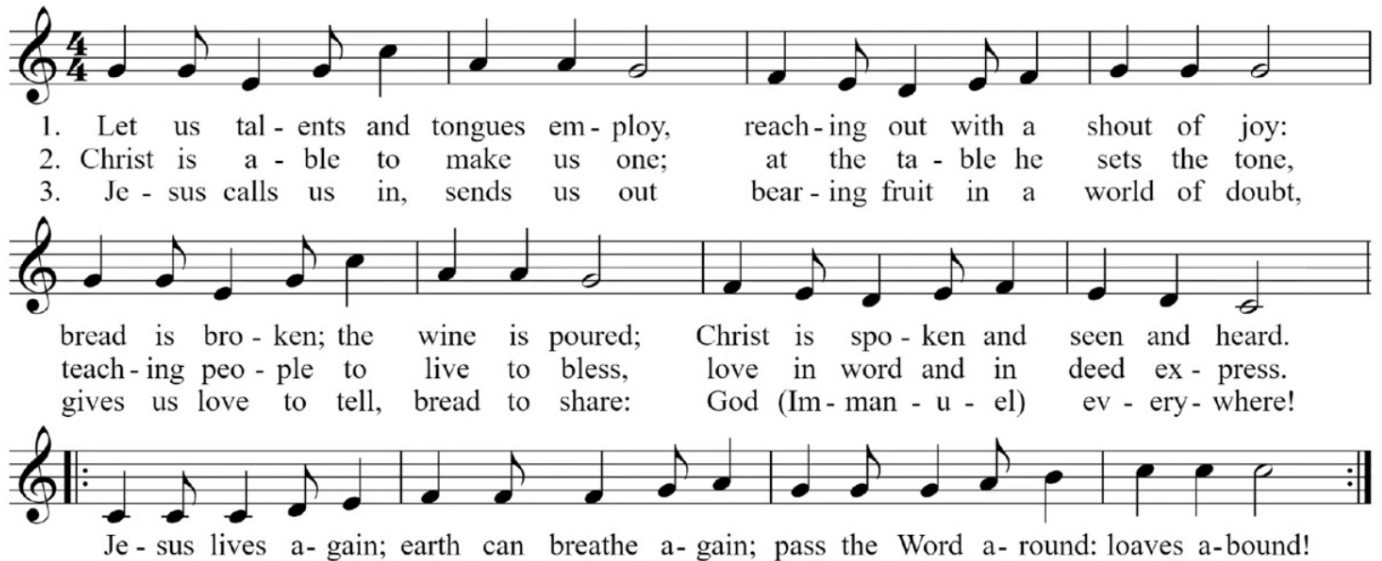
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

HYMN

Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,
bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured; Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!
Je - sus lives a - gain; earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

BENEDICTION

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Please stay for Community Hour following worship where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack.

COMMUNITY
hour
HOUR

Beach Services – Summer 2026

August 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

FIRST CHURCH GREENWICH

PACK FOR
OTHER KIDS



BRING YOURS
TO CHURCH!

BACKPACK FILLING PROJECT

AUG 23 @ 10 AM
DURING CHURCH SCHOOL

BACKPACK BLESSING

AUG 30 @ 10 AM
DURING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING



RUN

HIDE

FIGHT

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 • 10:00 - 11:30 AM

First Congregational Church of Greenwich
108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich

Hosted by the First Church Deacons.
Organized by Juliet Primo Lee, Senior Deacon.



Scan the QR
code to sign up
today!



The Rummage Room is closed for the summer to give our wonderful volunteers some well deserved time off and to do some annual repairs.



Please don't drop off donations at this time - we have nowhere to store them.

We will re-open on Tuesday September 8th at 11 am.

Enjoy your summer and see you in September!

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

Scan here
to reserve your space



Hosted by the Women's Fellowship
First Congregational Church of Greenwich
108 Sound Beach Ave



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

Monday, August 24 @ 5:30
rain date August 25th

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
patlarrabee@hotmail.com

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

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See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

