



SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026  
EASTER SUNDAY  
9 AM & 11 AM



**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

*Overture (from Water Music)*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Organ, Brass, Percussion

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Something has happened!

**All: We don't understand, but we will come and see.**

One: Look! He is not here!

**All: We don't understand, but we will come and see.**

One: Listen! He calls our name...

**All: We have seen the Lord!**

One: Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

## †PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Arr. William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Lord Jesus, we came early, hoping to say goodbye, because everything happened so fast. But you were already ahead of us, leaving death behind and turning our sorrow into wonder. In the mystery of your risen life, call our name and raise us with you. Lift our eyes from tears, our hearts from fear, and draw us into the new life you are preparing. For you are risen indeed. Alleluia! 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: May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

†RESPONSE (remain standing)

*Halle, Halleujah*

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

*Isaiah 65:17-22*  
 New Revised Standard Version  
 Pat Mendelsohn (9 a.m.)  
 Carol Woodman (11 a.m.)

For I am about to create new heavens  
 and a new earth;  
 the former things shall not be remembered  
 or come to mind.  
 But be glad and rejoice forever  
 in what I am creating,  
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy  
 and its people as a delight.  
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
 and delight in my people;  
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
 or the cry of distress.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat,  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

## ANTHEM

*Sing Ye To The Lord*  
Charles Harford Lloyd (1849-1919)  
The Chancel Choir

## GOSPEL LESSON

*John 20:1-18*  
New Revised Standard Version

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"  
" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## MESSAGE

*How We Come To See*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
Arr. Mark Schweizer  
(1956-2019)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ye Choirs Of New Jerusalem*  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

*Thine Is The Glory*  
Arr. Mark Schweizer

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

†BENEDICTION

†EASTER RESPONSE

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)  
Congregation, Choir

*Music can be found under the seat in front of you - sing with your whole being!*  
*Please return music to the rack after use.*

POSTLUDE

*Praise The Lord With Drums And Cymbals*  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

†Please rise in body or in spirit



**ORGAN, BRASS, PERCUSSION**

Organ: William Roslak  
Trumpets: Anthony Kadleck, Jim Cifelli  
French Horn: Debbie Schmidt  
Trombones: Steve Shulman, Cliff Haynes  
Percussion: Barbara Freedman

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## RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT – SUNDAY APRIL 19 AT 10 A.M.



During our morning worship time, we will pack 20,000 meals to support Rise Against Hunger's vision of a world without hunger, which distributes meals in 38 countries to schools, health clinics and communities hit by disaster. The meals help keep children in school and aid communities in the short term as they develop long term food security. Please register ahead of time – scan the blue QR code on the right to take part in this exciting time together! Everyone must register and sign the waiver required by Rise Against Hunger.



The cost of underwriting The Rise Against Hunger meal packing and the meal packing event will be our 2026 Lenten Offering and Lenten Project. Scan the green QR code to donate and support this project. Please join us for a fun, energized, music-filled morning when we will experience the joy of working together to help the least among us! Bring friends to show them First Church in action!

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP QUILT RAFFLE & ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCHEON



It's April and that means the annual quilt raffle to benefit The Women's Fellowship is just around the corner. Tickets will be sold at community hour, the church front office, and The Rummage Room. Tickets are \$5 and the drawing will be held on Saturday, May 16 at noon.

## EASTER FLOWER & BRASS DONATIONS

*List reflects donations received through 12 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2026*

### GIVEN BY

Amanda & Jay Anderson  
Cyndy & Ty Anderson  
Sue Hout Baker, Sara, Charlie, Liz  
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worship services  
Patrick & Kate Collins, Emmett, Micah, Jonah, & Norah  
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Betty & John Briggs  
Roger Lepoutre & Catherine Lepoutre

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**Σ SERVICE** **2026: MAY 29-31**

**RY LEARNING TRIP**  
(mission-trip-like weekend!) **\$200** WITH MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

**WHERE ARE WE GOING & WHAT ARE WE DOING?**  
Youth are invited to 48 hours in New Haven, CT learning about our local unhoused neighbors & will put our faith in action by serving others!

**6TH-12TH GR.**

**FRI 29 LEAVE FOR NEW HAVEN & ARRIVAL**  
Spring Glen United Church of Christ in Hamden

**SERVICE WORK & FUN IN THE COMMUNITY** **SAT 30**  
Working with the Incredible Days Group!

**SUN 31 CLOSING CIRCLE & HEAD HOME**  
Pick-up/Drop-off: 2CC Greenwich, 139 E. Putnam Ave

**REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY**

REGISTER! **MORE INFO: DIRECTOR@MYRYM.ORG**



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](http://www.GroupMe.com) from your desktop for Women's Fellowship activity updates

For questions, email **Sara Stuckey** ([sdstuckey@gmail.com](mailto:sdstuckey@gmail.com))



Scan here with your smartphone camera!



## April

**Monday, 4/6 @ 12pm**  
Walk at Tod's Point\*\*

**Friday, 4/17 @ 9:30am**  
NY Botanical Garden  
See eblast for details

**Tuesday, 4/21 @ 5pm**  
Happy Hour at Bosco's  
(148 Sound Beach Ave,  
Old Greenwich)

**Wednesday, 4/29 @ 10am**  
Coffee for Good  
(48 Maple Ave, Greenwich)

## May

**Monday, 5/4 @ 12pm**  
Walk at Tod's Point\*\*

**Saturday, 5/16 @ 11-1**  
Women's Fellowship  
Annual Luncheon  
FCCOG auditorium

**Wednesday, 5/20 @ 5pm**  
Happy Hour at Bosco's  
(148 Sound Beach Ave,  
Old Greenwich)

**Thursday, 5/28 @ 10am**  
Coffee for Good  
(48 Maple Ave, Greenwich)

*\*\*Greenwich residency not required*



Women's Fellowship  
*members and friends*

# New York Botanical Garden

Orchid Show

Friday, April 17th

**Meet at FCCOG**

**We will depart promptly at 9:30**

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking.  
Hat and water recommended

Tickets at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

\$35 adults  
\$32 seniors (65+)  
Free to members



Carpool sign up at  
[sign up genius](http://sign-up-genius.com)



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