



SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

INTO THE
DEEP
LUKE 5:4

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 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.



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.*

Worship Notes: *Today's liturgies are all adapted from the three worship services of the General Synod 35 of the United Church of Christ in Kansas City, Missouri, from July 10-15, 2025. The overall theme of General Synod was "Into the Deep," using the scripture of Luke 5:1-11, and the worship services were largely inspired by the book "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.*

PRELUDE

*How Fair And How Pleasant Thou Art
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

†CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from General Synod 35 Opening and Community Worship Services

One: We stand here as a united and uniting church,
All: **Knowing that whatever space you have come from,**
One: No matter who you are
All: **Or how you identify,**
One: No matter who you love,
All: **There is space for you here and now.**
One: Bind us up in that vision of unity spoken of by Christ and embraced by our ancestors.
All: **Braid us more deeply together,**
One: That rooted and grounded in you,
All: **Roots sunk deep in the soil of the gospel,**
One: We may continue toward the unity and witness to which you call us.
All: **Let us worship our still speaking and uniting God!**

†CHORAL INTROIT

†HYMN

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus
465 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)*

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

adapted from General Synod 35 Closing Worship

Creator God, weave us deep into our web of connections. Pour upon us the responsibility for reciprocity, the mingling of our roots for radical discipleship. Bring us into the deep, together. Invite us to cast our nets of care into the world, so that we show up in alignment with who you would have us be. Blend us into each other, offering grace and belonging, and gentleness where there is pain. Call upon us to weave our weighty words with wonder and with a wish for a world in right relationship; restoring respect, responsibility, and reciprocity as you request of us. And be with us, breathe with us, and begin again with us, this moment, in commitment to the call of our faith, on this day, and all the days to follow.

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, Hallelujah



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

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

FIRST LESSON

Luke 5:1-4

New International Version

Pat Larrabee

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

ANTHEM

Lord Of The Worlds Above

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

The Summer Choir

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 2:1-7
New International Version

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

MESSAGE

Being The Church
Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

†HYMN

Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee
629 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Clem Lepoutre

OFFERTORY DUET

Ancient Words
Arr. Mary McDonald
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano
Daniel Young, tenor

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
39 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

Postlude
Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (or Auditorium in case of rain) 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.

COMMUNITY
hour
HOUR



WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY

Using the Wired Word's curriculum, each week we'll discuss a topic or headline from the week's news and ask ourselves how our faith applies through guided questions

and discussion. Learn more at thewiredword.com Join Pastor Patrick for lunch on Thursdays at noon in the lounge. BYO lunch optional.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SOCIALS

Our next Women's Fellowship Summer Social is Monday, July 28 from 5:30 pm on at the Sue Baker Pavilion at Greenwich Point. The rain date is the following evening. We bring our own food/drinks and meet for an informal gathering. Feel free to bring a friend/neighbor. If you don't have a current Greenwich beach pass, we can arrange a ride from the church parking lot if you let Car Westbrook know. (The final Summer Social is scheduled for Monday, August 25th with a rain date the following evening.)

Questions? Contact Car Westbrook at carwestbrook@optimum.net.



**Join us at Greenwich Point on
Sunday, August 3 at 8 a.m.
for an All-Church Beach Service
No passes required - bring your chairs/blankets**

(in case of bad weather, worship will be at 10 a.m. in the Meetinghouse)



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People of Note

