



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
CELEBRATION OF PASTOR PATRICK COLLINS
10TH ANNIVERSARY AT FIRST CHURCH
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.*

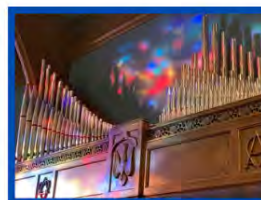
The PrayGround. In the Chapel space, guiding kids in worship.

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. Ask Ushers for help with bluetooth enabling or use of physical devices.

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

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

This Little Light Of Mine

The Cherub Choir & Celebration Singers

Carol Woodman, director

Lynn Hawxhurst, ukulele

Carolyn Paulus, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the seas roar and the nations rage, do not be afraid:

All: **God is making a way.**

One: When hopes seems lost and fear seems wise, stand firm:

All: **God is making a way.**

One: When the impossible is all you can see, take courage:

All: **God is making a way.**

†HYMN

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

641 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Creator God, we cannot imagine how you are bringing a new world to birth, and yet you are. We cannot understand why you choose the weak to overturn the strong, and yet you do. We cannot see your hand in the chaos all around, and yet you are here. Strengthen and encourage us today to move forward through our fear into life. 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

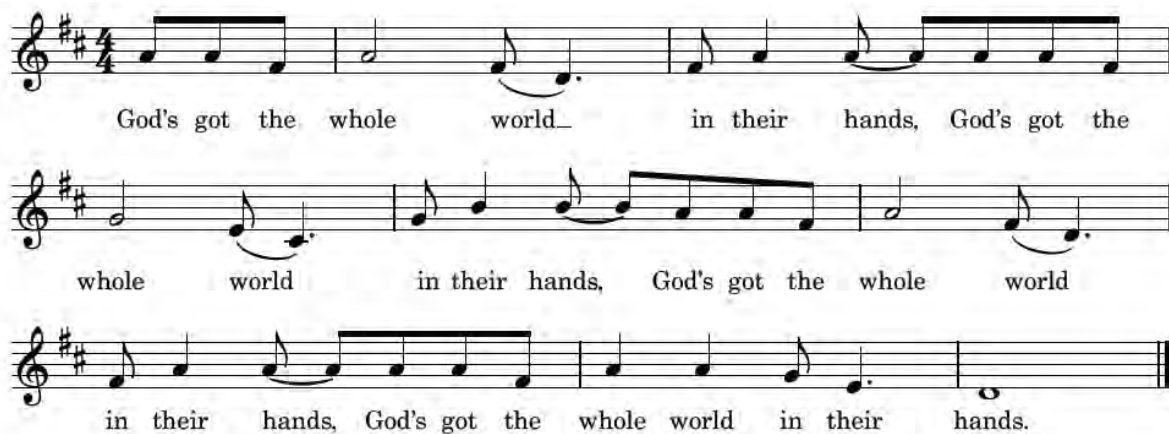


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

RESPONSE

God's Got The Whole World In Their Hands



FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:5-9

New Revised Standard Version
Michael Russell

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea.

ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song

Allen Pote (b. 1945)
The Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:19-29

New Revised Standard Version

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

†Please rise in body or in spirit

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

MESSAGE

A Way For Us All
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
753 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

WORLD COMMUNION CELEBRATION

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, thank you for welcoming us to your table and nourishing us with this holy meal. We are grateful for the bread we have shared, the cup we have received, and the love that joins us with your people throughout the world. May this gift sustain us in the days ahead.

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

Fred Laffan



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

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Down By The Riverside
Arr. Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

†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

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†HYMN

I've Got Peace Like A River
623 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for a special Community Hour in the Auditorium where you can greet Pastor Patrick and continue to celebrate him today. Please sign up to help bring treats and clean up each week. Scan the QR code to volunteer!

COMMUNITY HOUR

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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





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Let's get connected.

First Church is updating our church record keeping solution and online community by moving to a technology solution called Realm®.

- We're updating the administrative tools our staff uses to run the daily operations of our church.
- We're adding more ways to communicate and connect as a church, all while leaving current methods in place.
- You determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with our church, but we encourage you to participate.

In the coming days, you will receive an email invitation to create an online account in Realm®. You can also download the free **Realm Connect – For Our Church** app for iPhone and Android devices. In either the online account through a browser or using the **Realm Connect – For Our Church** app, you can check and update your personal information and how it is shared, make gifts and pledges online, and check your giving history, and connect with other members of our church community.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RIVERSIDE
200 RIVERSIDE AVE,
RIVERSIDE



first church
congregational
of greenwich
founded 1805



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

A NEW COLLABORATIVE
40 MINUTES @ 4PM

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

Third Sundays @ 4pm:

- Oct. 18 @ St. Paul's
- Nov. 15 @ First Congregational
- Dec. 20 @ St. Paul's
- Jan. 17 @ First Congregational
- Feb. 21 @ St. Paul's
- March 21 @ First Congregational
- April 18 @ St. Paul's
- May 16 @ First Congregational

FAMILY-CENTERED
INFORMAL
MUSIC
ALL-AGES
INTERACTIVE
FUN

STAY AFTER THE SERVICE FOR A SIMPLE, KID-FRIENDLY MEAL!



ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!



Sip on coffee. Make meaningful connections.
Explore life-changing truths.

Every Sunday 9:00 AM

FCCOG Lounge

**GET TO KNOW GOD
THROUGH GOD'S WORD**

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays • Noon–1:00 p.m.
The Lounge at First Church

Join us as we explore and discuss
the upcoming passage for Sunday.



INTEMPO Presents

Under the Same Moon

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
with music from Argentina, Chile,
Cuba, Mexico, Spain, and Venezuela.

Featuring
Artist-in-Residence
Ashley Yoon
and the
Chamber Players

Saturday, October 3 | 3PM
St. Francis Episcopal Church
2810 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT

Saturday, October 10 | 3PM
First Congregational Church of Greenwich
108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich, CT

\$15 General Admission
Free for Kids
Get tickets at intempo.org

INTEMPO

First Congregational Church of Greenwich

TRUNK OR TREAT

🕒 Saturday, Oct 24
6 - 7:30 p.m.

📍 First Church Parking Lot
108 Sound Beach Avenue

\$20 PER FAMILY

All proceeds go to local charities

CANDY MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS FUN

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UNITED CHURCH
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a just world for all

See more about the stories of our
Stained Glass Windows



See the Tour of our Main Cemetery -
People of Note

