



SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY
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.

Flowers are given in loving memory of George and Dorothy Fisk by their family.

PRELUDE

Soliliquy

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Margret Hofmeister

Area Conference Minister, Southwest Region

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Even in uncertain times, the grace of God keeps moving.

All: Nothing can silence the good news of Christ.

One: Through imperfect people and fragile lives, love still breaks through.

All: The Gospel is not fragile, for God is still at work among us.

One: So let us gather with hope, trust, and open hearts.

All: For Christ is proclaimed, and in that, we rejoice.

†HYMN

The God Of Abraham Praise

49 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

Your grace keeps moving through the world, O God, even through imperfect people and fragile circumstances. When rivalry, fear, or selfish ambition distract us, turn our hearts back toward the deeper power of your Gospel, which continues to heal, renew, and transform. Ground us in the hope that Christ is still proclaimed and still alive among us. 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 depart for Church School [in the lounge] or 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

Philippians 1:1-11
New Revised Standard Version
Pat Larrabee

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

SOLO

Mothering God
Tom Trenney (b. 1977)
Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

†Please rise in body or in spirit

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:12-18
New Revised Standard Version

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice.

MESSAGE

Unstoppable Grace
Reverend Patrick Collins

†HYMN

At The Name Of Jesus
264 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

Steve Weigner

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 150
Paul Weber (b. 1949)
The Chancel Choir

†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

Make A Joyful Noise To God
54 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

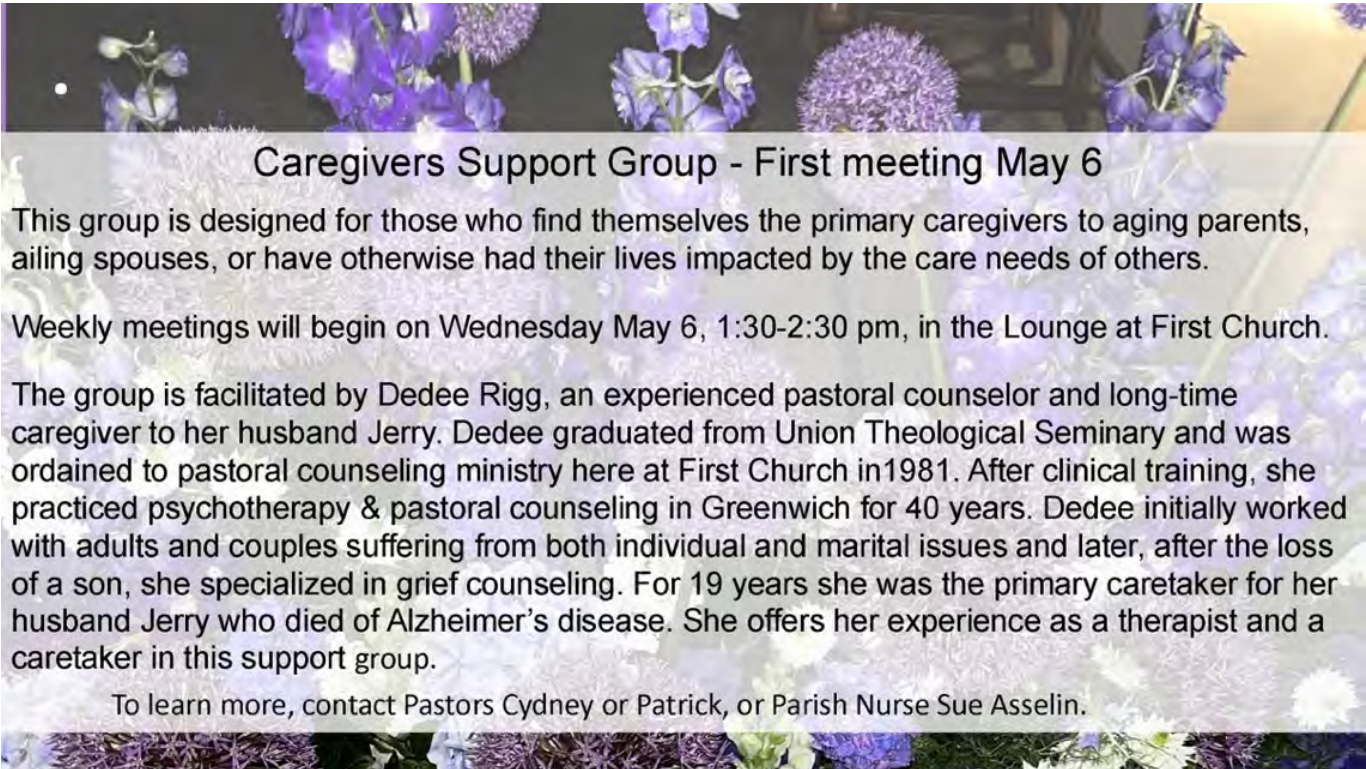
Toccata on "Leoni"
Gordon Young

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Auditorium where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for May are members of the Asset Management Committee.

COMMUNITY
hour
HOUR



Caregivers Support Group - First meeting May 6

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.

Weekly meetings will begin on Wednesday May 6, 1:30-2:30 pm, in the Lounge at First Church.

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.



Join us!
All women are invited

Annual Meeting and Quilt Raffle

Saturday, May 16th
11:30-1:30 in the Auditorium

We will hold a brief business meeting,
elect our slate of officers,
vote on Charitable Allocations and
hear speakers from two of our recipient agencies.
The quilt raffle will take place after lunch

This year's speakers will be from
**SilverSource &
Barbara's House**

There is a \$25 fee which includes a catered lunch
Advanced registration and payment are REQUIRED.
The deadline for registration and payment is Thursday, May 14th, 2026.

You can pay by cash, check or online.
checks made out to: **Women's Fellowship FCCOG**

New! You can pay using your credit card in MyFirstChurch click ACS on far right of fccog.org top menu and **sign in**, select **Giving / Give Online**, fill in the **amount**, click **Select a Fund**, choose **In Honor Of** and fill in the **Optional Memo** field with: **"Women's Fellowship-luncheon"**, keep **Frequency One-time**, then if your credit card is correct, click **[Give]**

**Once payment is complete,
you are registered for the luncheon**



Our annual quilts to be raffled are displayed at
Community Hour on Sundays
and in the Rummage Room window M-Th in early April-May.

Quilt proceeds go to charities that support women, children,
and families both locally and nationally.



This year's TWO quilts are pictured

A CELEBRATION OF
OUR MUSIC MINISTRY



MUSIC SUNDAY

MAY 17
AT 10 A.M.



FESTIVE COMMUNITY HOUR FOLLOWING
WORSHIP WITH BERRIES, CROISSANTS,
AND WHIPPED CREAM

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF GREENWICH

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



Join the
conversation
about

Women's Health

through all stages of life

Sunday, May 31st
11-1 in the Auditorium
light snacks provided



Please RSVP or scan

[Click HERE!](#)



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2ND GRADE COMMUNION

A FCCOG CHURCH SCHOOL TRADITION:
THE YEAR WE FOCUS ON THE EUCHARIST

9 am Prep Classes: April 26, May 3, 10 & 24

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL UNDERCROFT
Celebration Sunday: June 14

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3RD GRADE BiBLE

A FCCOG CHURCH SCHOOL TRADITION: THE YEAR WE FOCUS ON THE BiBLE

All Preparatory Classes: April 26, May 3, 10, & 24

Both at 9:00 am

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL UNDERCROFT
Celebration Sunday: June 14

FAMILIES: PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND 3 CLASSES!



EVENT CALENDAR

SPRING 2026

5/17	→	Music Sunday Celebrate the conclusion of another season of our music ensembles - fruit, croissants, and whipped cream after worship
5/29-31	→	RYM Service Learning Trip Youth travel to New Haven to work with Incredible Days and their ministry in the community
5/31	→	Women's Health Event Enjoy a conversation about women's health in all the stages of life 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
6/7	→	Confirmation Sunday Join us as our youth are welcomed into full membership of the church
6/14	→	Celebration Sunday A joy-filled morning recognizing the conclusion of another year of Church School
6/28	→	Annual Meeting Recall the events of the past year in the life of First Church and hear reports from various committees



Σ SERVICE 2026: MAY 29 - 31

Y 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.

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

FRI 29

LEAVE FOR NEW HAVEN & ARRIVAL

Spring Glen United Church of Christ in Hamden

SERVICE WORK & FUN IN THE COMMUNITY

Working with the Incredible Days Group!

SAT 30

SUN 31

CLOSING CIRCLE & HEAD HOME

Pick-up/Drop-off: 2CC Greenwich, 139 E. Putnam Ave



REGISTER!

MORE INFO:

DIRECTOR@MYRYM.ORG



Women's Fellowship

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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!

May

Friday, 5/8 @ 11am
OG Village Walk
(meet at FCCOG)

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)

Sunday, 5/31 @ 11am
Women's Health Day
FCCOG Auditorium

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

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