



SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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.*

## PRELUDE

*Sarabande*

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

## CALL TO COMMUNITY

## CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created a world full of wonder.

**All: We come with curious hearts and open minds.**

One: God calls us not only to believe, but also to seek.

**All: We come longing for wisdom and understanding.**

One: Every question can become a doorway to deeper faith.

**All: Let us worship the God who invites us to grow.**

## †HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

39 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

## †PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (in unison)

God of wisdom, you created us with minds that question, hearts that wonder, and spirits that long to grow. Yet we often settle for easy answers and familiar assumptions. We fear being wrong, fear uncertainty, and sometimes fear the questions themselves. Forgive us when we choose comfort over growth and certainty over trust. Open us to your wisdom, your grace, and your ongoing work in our lives. 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 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

Proverbs 8:1-11  
New Revised Standard Version  
Charles Stuckey

Does not wisdom call  
and understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all who live.  
O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.  
Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right,  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.  
They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.  
Take my instruction instead of silver  
and knowledge rather than choice gold,  
for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

ANTHEM

*I Waited For The Lord*  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
The Summer Choir  
Julie Laicher & Carolyn Paulus, sopranos

†Please rise in body or in spirit

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 3:1-14  
New Revised Standard Version

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

## MESSAGE

*The Courage To Ask*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## †HYMN

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*  
343 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

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

Carol Woodman



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Wondrous Love*  
John Dixon (b. 1957)  
The Summer Choir

†Please rise in body or in spirit

†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

†HYMN

*God Of Our Life*  
686 Glory To God Hymnal (purple)

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune In C*  
Michael McCabe (1771-1800)

†Please rise in body or in spirit

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Join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) where you can greet one another, have a cup of coffee, and a light snack. Hosts for June are members of the Outreach Committee.



**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - TODAY**



Your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service, in her office to the right of the Auditorium stage, or in the Memory Garden weather permitting. During the week, Sue is available by appointment. Email [susana@fccog.org](mailto:susana@fccog.org) or call 203-637-1791 extension 821.

**Annual Meeting**  
NOTICE OF THE 355TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 355th Annual Meeting of the members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for Sunday, June 28, 2026 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and members of the Church Council and to fill other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.
  - To vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws.
  - To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.
  - To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees.
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The meeting may be recorded for the purpose of taking of minutes. We encourage you to attend in the Meetinghouse if possible and comfortable. However, if you join remotely via Zoom.us, the instructions are printed in the Friday email blast.

Carol Woodman, Church Clerk



## RUMMAGE ROOM NEEDS

Ladies handbags

Jewelry

Summer scarves

Knitting supplies, yarn, needles,  
crochet hooks



## All are Welcome to Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Come knit, affix fringe or labels, and visit with friends.

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 24, 7-8:30 pm, in Rick's Room.





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

**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**

### Caregivers Support Group – Weekly, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Lounge

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.

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.

# Beach Services – Summer 2026

June 28

July 12, 19, 26

August 2, 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

You're invited to a film  
screening of  
**My Friend Kim**  
a documentary  
addressing the subject of  
**End-of-Life Choices**

Thursday  
June 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in the Lounge  
at First Church



**My Friend Kim** follows Glastonbury resident **Kim Hoffman** as she confronts terminal illness and fights for Connecticut's **Medical Aid in Dying** legislation. Directed by local filmmaker Maribeth Abrams, this 30-minute documentary captures Kim's strength and the unwavering support of her wife Joy Cipollo. **Includes a panel discussion with director: Maribeth Adams, end-of-life doula: Susan Stout, and other proponents of End-of Life choices like Medical Aid in Dying legislation.**

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



### NARRATIVE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday at 12 noon  
in the First Church Lounge,  
Pastor Patrick leads a group in a new  
adult education opportunity.

We'll dive into the  
Narrative Lectionary  
daily readings, opening space for  
honest conversation,  
fresh insights, and shared discovery.

For the past 2-3 years, First Church has been using the  
Narrative Lectionary as our primary scripture focus in Sunday worship.

Whether you are brand new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, you'll find  
a welcoming circle to explore how God's story connects with our own.

Come as you are, bring your questions, curiosity,  
an open heart, and your lunch (optional).



# SUMMER

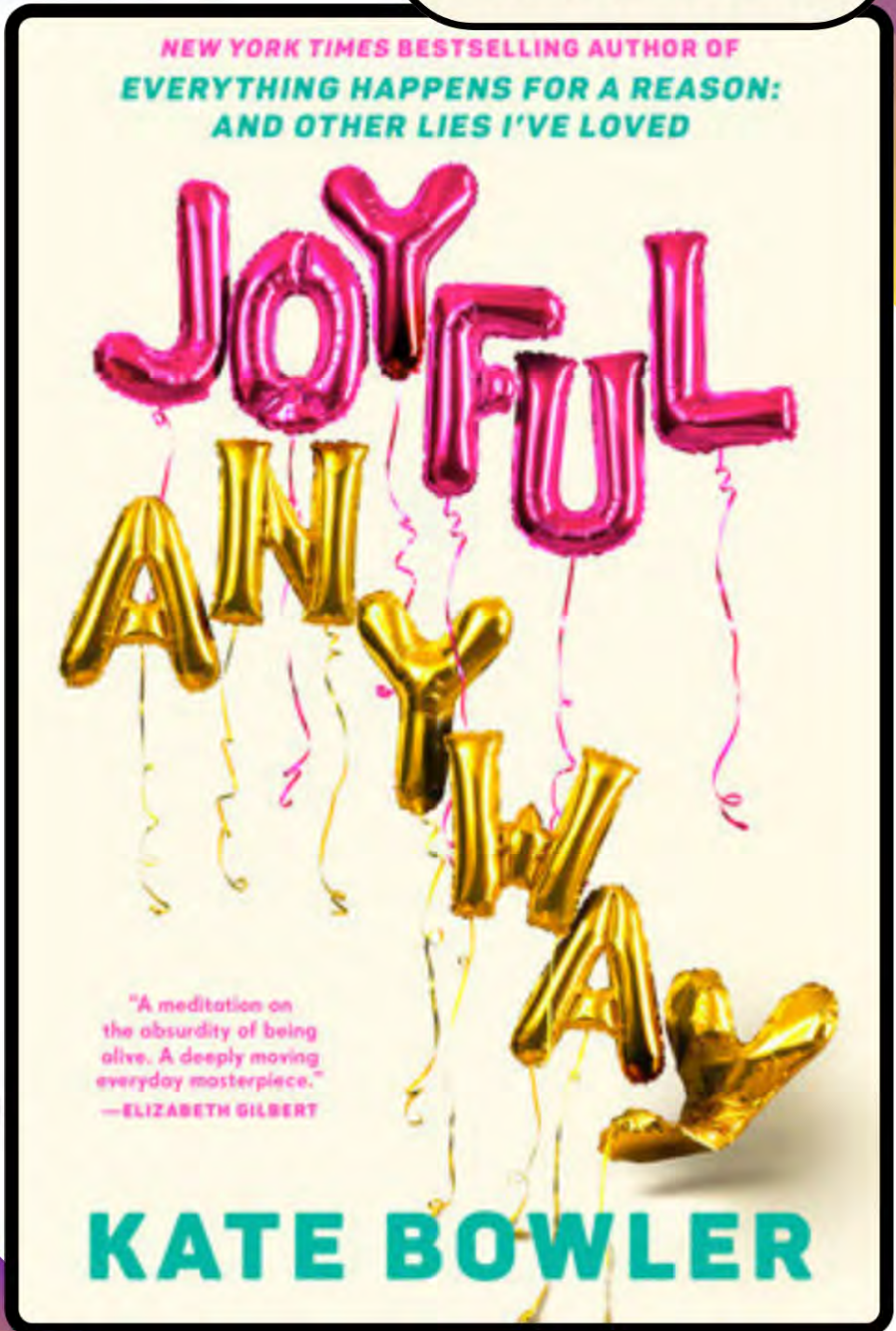
# BOOK READ

Grab your copy  
wherever you get  
books/audio books.

3 months to read  
at your leisure.

We'll talk about it in  
small groups at the  
end of summer.(TBD)

What to know  
about this book:  
**Profound. Humorous.  
Deeply human.**



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