

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENWICH



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024
8:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Largo from "New World" Symphony
Jeb Dennis, piano

Antonin Dvorak
(1841-1904)

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls.
God gathers.
God challenges,
God moves.
God liberates.
God saves.

Many: Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you.

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. God has turned our mourning to dancing, forgiving us fully and freely. Our souls will not be silent. As forgiven people, we will praise the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn 394, Stanza 4

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:14-29 p. 40 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “*It Could Cost You Your Head*” Dr. DeGarmo

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Ritual of Friendship: *Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

ANTHEM *A Scottish Blessing* David Blackwell (b. 1961)
Fred Schlick, Tenor
Jesse Pieper, piano

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Asturias (Leyenda) from* Isaac Albeniz (1860-1908)
Suite Espagnole
*Please stand as you are able Jeb Dennis, Piano

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are joining us in worship! Founded on Easter Sunday in 1881, First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich embraces our mission to nurture and empower people in all stages of life to be Christ’s disciples and to actively serve those in need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia and Haiti; St. Marc School in Haiti; Carola Cammann; Adrienne & Don Perry; Charlene Roberson; the family of Sandy Herman.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The FPCG Nominating Committee is searching for time and talent. Michelle Binnie, Lilian Eng, Judy Kelly, Hellen Kim, Bob Giambo, and Kate Minchin invite you to email candidates' names or self-nominations for a 3-year term on the Session or Board of Deacons starting January 2025 and for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) which is expected to begin in the Fall and to involve a major time commitment (including weekly meetings) as it searches for a new senior pastor. Emails can be sent to nominating@fpcg.org where all the committee members will receive the email. We appreciate your help in compiling names for our consideration.

LEADERSHIP

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