



June 30, 2022

Dear Friends of Second Church,

A very Happy Fourth of July weekend, which I hope you will greet with plenty of celebration and good company.

For me, it will be hard to top last year, when my dad played Uncle Sam in the one-mile, mostly bike parade along the shoreline in his hometown.

As if that particular parade wasn't "personal" enough to us, already.

Many people have special places to which they return, and special ways of marking the holiday.

In fact, sometimes I worry that it's such a light-hearted and festive sort of celebration that we risk forgetting the courage it represents and the seriousness of its claim on us to be good citizens.

We find joy in remembering the work of the Founders — and certainly we should.

I suspect they would be anxious to remind us that now it has become our work.

Our faith teaches that compassion and dignity, peace and human flourishing go deeper than any particular nation or people, and that Christians are called to pursue them *wherever* they are.

It would also caution us to remember that the blessing *of* freedom is not meant to be an end itself, and in fact, is less important than the central blessing *in* freedom — that it makes it possible to pursue a larger vision of the good that sees all Creation as one.

My sense is that the people who framed our national project in terms of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" must have felt that call to a larger human vision very deeply — particularly since they saw these as "endowments" from the Creator.

But in a moment when unity seems especially elusive, it seems more important than ever for us to find strength to pursue a broader vision.

And to know joy not only for what has been, but in our hopes for what is yet to come.

See you in church,

*Max*



*Worship with us this Summer!*

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

*Service will be available via Livestream*

If you can't make it in person, [click here](#) to join us via Livestream for our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.

## Hymns for this Sunday...

Join us in the singing of our hymns this Sunday which can be found by [clicking here](#).

### **Hymns for this Sunday**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Matthew Krob and Jessica Tyler-Wright will be joining Alexander for our 9:30 service this Sunday!

Through Labor Day the church office hours are as follows:  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Performing Arts Camp is off to a great start!





## Children's Chapel & Nursery Care

Summer Nursery care for infants to age 4 starts at 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Deacons can help direct you to our nursery room or  
summer Children's Chapel rooms 216-217.

We are fully in person and operational.  
Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

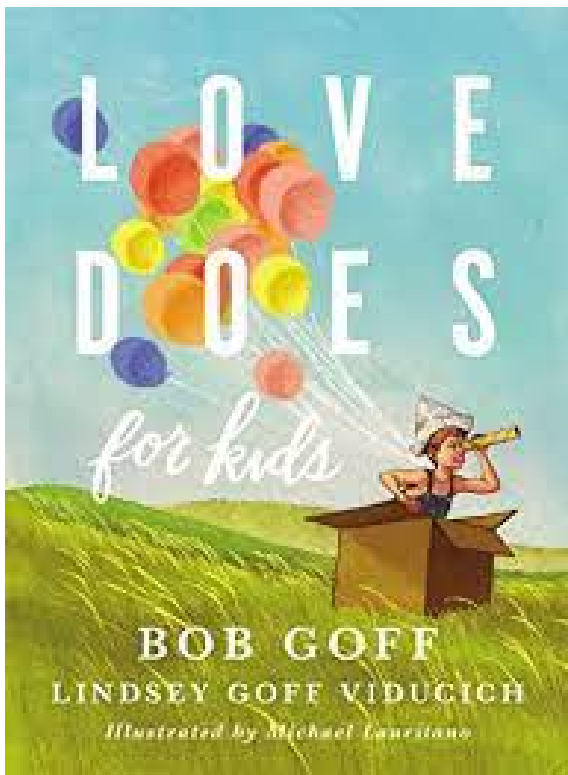
[Click here](#) to register for Children's Chapel this Sunday











## Summer Updates in Children's Chapel!

**Starting June 19- August 28, please meet in rooms 216-217 above The Preschool, 9:30-10:30am** for a very special summer worship experience for infants to school age children entering grade 5.

Children's Chapel this summer will include special guests, crafts, games, Scripture lessons, prayer, and worship services designed with young hearts and wiggly bodies in mind. Additionally, all children will have the opportunity to take part in Jenny's summer book club. Our first book is Love Does by Bob Goff. Copies are available for all that want to participate.

For more information please contact [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

## Cooking for Pacific House...



## Lend a hand (if you can)...

**FORMULA DONATION**  
FOYER OF MEAD HOUSE  
48 MAPLE AVENUE, GREENWICH, CT

Do you have extra sealed, unexpired baby and/or toddler formula?  
Please help your neighbors by donating!

Donated formula must be unopened, unexpired, and with an intact, legible label.  
Any formula taken from the table is taken at your own risk, and community partners do not take responsibility.

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