



Join us for Worship Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

August 28, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

In her book *On Photography*, writer and essayist, Susan Sontag reflects (as always, thoughtfully) not just on pictures, but also on our desire to take them in the first place.

With particular concern, she notes how often photographs do not just “document” our experiences — the family vacation, the important milestone, etc. All too easily, “getting the picture” can *become* the actual experience—a task we undertake instead of actually letting ourselves be in the moment.

She wrote about this thirty years before the advent of Instagram or the notion of “Influencers,” people who have found a way to make a living by documenting themselves having experiences and living versions of a glamorous life that the rest of us can (“should”) then pursue and document for ourselves.

(She would have found that fascinating.)

But her concern was well placed, even for those of us uninfluenced by “influencers.”

A version of it crops up for me each year as summer ends, and I begin to get anxious about “getting things in” at the last minute: the annual ride on the ferry here in town, a trip to Carvel, the lobster roll at my parents’ house, just to name a few.

These are all wonderful things, of course, and well worth doing.

But if I haven’t gotten to them by this point, does it really matter to shoehorn them into a single afternoon just so I can make-sure-I-can-cross-them-off-the-list? Gosh, is there really a list? Isn’t the particular joy of summer that there *aren’t* lists, but rather time and space for things to happen (or not)?

The English writer G.K. Chesterton warns about how easily tradition slips into traditionalism, and something sustaining or life-giving can become draining, even dead. He means it as a particular caution for churches, though his point is well-taken far beyond them.

The invitation to be “in the moment” and open to what we find there is a distinctly spiritual one, as we are reminded of the goodness of life and the gift

of a day, and pause to ponder the giver. Faith at its deepest reminds us to live with our eyes and hearts open, rather than seek God only when and where, by our lights, He is “supposed to be.”

Life is too busy and erupting all over for that to be how God really works. Learning to trust that is a key step in our growth as Christians.

So, as your summer winds down, let the goodness of life find you wherever it may, and declare yourself free of the burden of completing whatever you’ve still got on your list. And may we all receive moments to savor for the days ahead.

See you in church,

Max

Sermons are always
available online:
[2CCSermons](#)

If you can't make it in person, join us
via [Livestream for our 10:30
a.m.](#) Sunday service.

Children's Chapel this summer...

Children are encouraged to meet in the nursery from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for a very special summer worship experience for infants to school age children entering grade 5. This is in alignment with our Summer worship schedule.

Children's Chapel this summer will include worshipping outside, special guests, crafts, games, scripture lessons, prayer, and worship services designed with young hearts and wiggly bodies in mind.

For more information please contact Jenny@2cc.org

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

Register for Children's Chapel

Kathy Micati is looking for a walking partner for a few weeks after Labor Day as she works on improving her mobility and enjoying a little time outside. The distance would not be substantial but the company would be welcome. Reach out to her or to Max for details.

Homecoming Weekend is coming...

KICKOFF HOMECOMING WEEKEND AT 2CC

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

Pizza Truck

Pizza truck, bounce house, beer, wine & desserts



Critter Caravan
Travel Animal Show
coming from
6:00-7:00 p.m.





6th-12th Grade CARNIVAL

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Homecoming Sunday

September 8 at 10:30 a.m.



Worship will feature a Bluegrass band that will continue during the all-church picnic immediately following the service. All are welcome & bring a friend!

We will have an ice cream truck at the Homecoming Sunday BBQ too!

Looking ahead to September...

Join us for Chancel Choir this Fall

September

15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
29 10:00 Choir Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

October

13 Choir Rehearsal
20 Choir Rehearsal
27 10:00 Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

Our chancel choir will be gearing up soon for another season of singing during our 10:30 services. If you are considering joining us this year, please consider the following:

- You are not required to sing each month.
- We rehearse after the 10:30 service for 45 minutes.
- You don't have to sing like Pavarotti, just a desire to sing!
- Singing with the choir is a fun, social experience.
- You can try us out before you commit!
- No auditions, just show up and we'll sign you up!

November

10 Choir Rehearsal
17 Choir Rehearsal
24 10:00 Rehearsal,
10:30 Thanksgiving Service

December

8 Choir Rehearsal
15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
24 5:30 Rehearsal, 6:30
Christmas Eve Service

Email: Alexander@2cc.org for more information

Women's Fellowship

September Program & Annual Tea

Tuesday, September 10

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Diane from Diane's Books

Fletcher Hall

RSVP: Pam@2cc.org

RSVP to Pam for the Annual Tea



Music Together

FALL MUSIC TOGETHER CLASS at 2CC

Starting Sunday Sept. 15 for 12 weeks
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Come sing, dance and play in a family style class for
babies and toddlers

Registration required

Learn more: CTMusicTogether.com

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information](#)

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Around Town...



River House Presents

Wonka

Free Entry



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
THE MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM

AUGUST 30TH 2024

125 River Road Extension Cos Cob CT 06807



Please join us for a free indoor family viewing of Wonka.

Email : info@theriverhouse.org to register.

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