

# Greenwich Point Beach Service

Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:00 a.m.



***The First Congregational Church of Greenwich***  
*declares itself to be open and affirming; 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.*



## GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Give us the ability to speak your truth so that others may hear.

**All: Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.**

One: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

**All: Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.**

One: May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

**All: Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.**

One: Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

**All: Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.**

One: Make us bold to bring light to the dark places, warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.

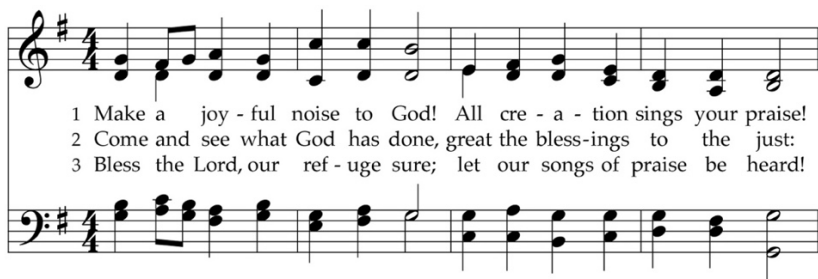
**All: Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.**

One: Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.

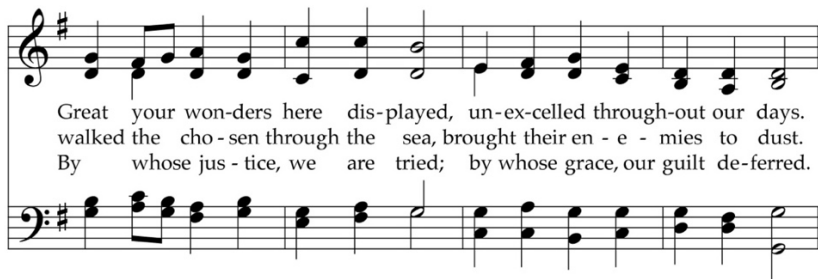
**All: Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.**

One: Our God—we, your people, celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

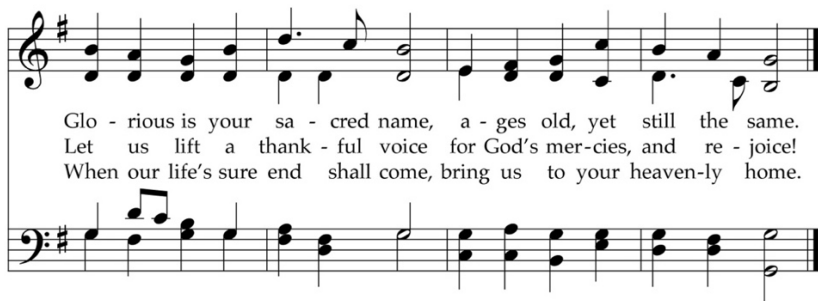
### HYMN *Make A Joyful Noise To God*



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!  
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:  
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.  
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.  
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.  
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!  
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

## FIRST LESSON

*Galatians 5: 13-25*

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## SECOND LESSON

*Luke 9: 51-62*  
Common English Bible

As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, and they went on to another village.

As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

## MESSAGE

*Looking Forward*

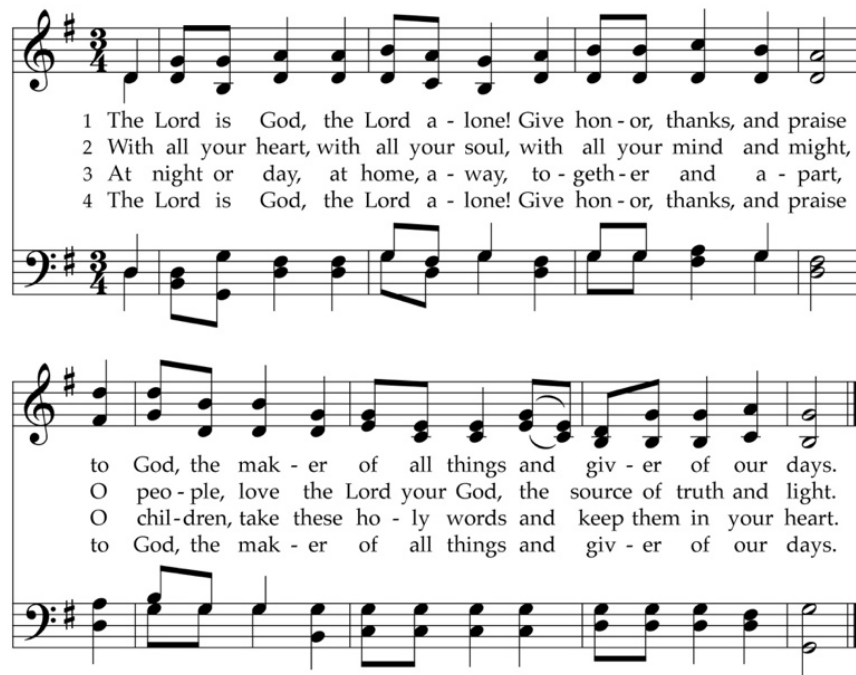
## COMMUNION

*We practice open Communion – all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God's people are welcome to receive Communion, including children of all ages, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation. All are welcome to the table of God.*

## 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.**

## HYMN *The Lord Is God*



1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

## BENEDICTION