

Greenwich Point Beach Service

Sunday, July 10, 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.*



Faith First. Love Always.

REETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

All: but Christ who chose us,

One: That we are not here because of our goodness

All: but because of Christ's grace,

One: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

All: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

One: That we have not come to be entertained

All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

HYMN

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice to wor - ship you, oh my
I praise you, Lord and I lift my voice to hon - or you, oh my
I love you, Lord and I lift my voice to wor - ship you, oh my

soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King in what you hear;
soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King in what you hear;
soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King in what you hear;

— may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
— may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
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FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14
New International Version

Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10: 25-37
Common English Bible

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

MESSAGE

Who Is My Neighbor?

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

Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

BENEDICTION