

# Greenwich Point Beach Service

Sunday, July 17, 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 Cydney Van Dyke

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are met in the presence of God

**All: And we do not meet alone.**

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

**All: We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: With our ancestors in faith

**All: We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: With the saints of every age

**All: We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: We embark on our own journey of faith

**All: God's Holy name be praised.**

One: God makes of us a great people

**All: God's Holy name be praised.**

One: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

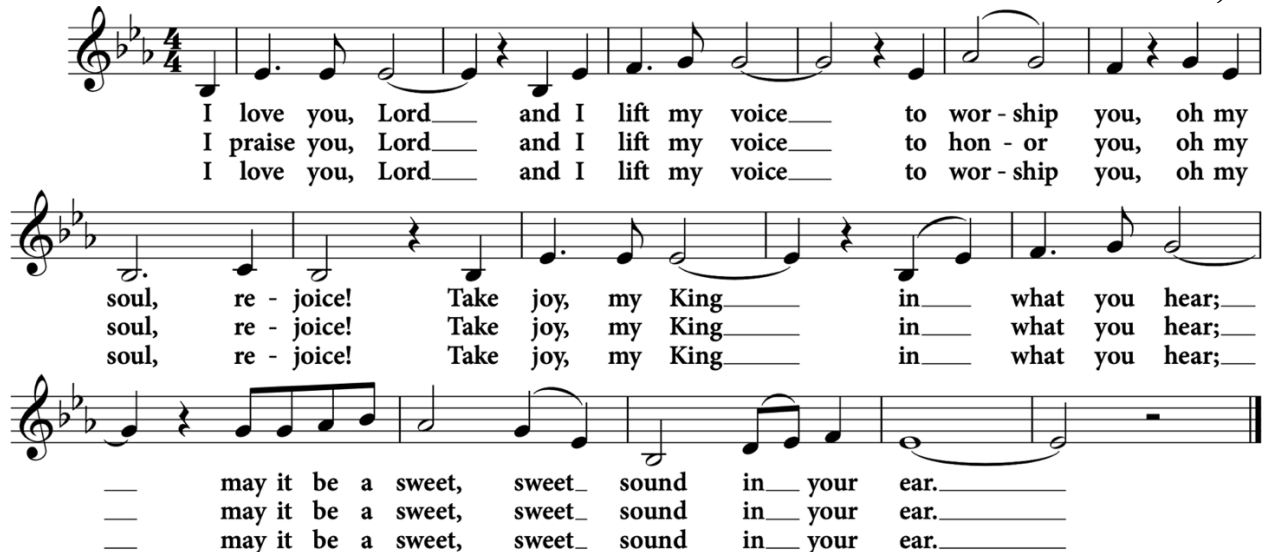
**All: God's Holy name be praised.**

One: We journey in the presence of God.

**All: And we do not journey alone.**

### 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;\_\_\_  
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— may it be a sweet, sweet\_ sound in\_\_\_ your ear.\_\_\_\_\_  
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### FIRST LESSON

*Psalm 15*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right

and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

## SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 1: 15-28*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## MESSAGE

## 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*

D A/C#

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

G/B G D

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

1 2  
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

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

Bm Em7 D/E A

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

D A/C#

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

Bm G Em/D D

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

## BENEDICTION