

Greenwich Point Beach Service

Sunday, July 24, 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.

GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to worship this day.

All: **We have come seeking peace and hope.**

One: The goodness of God has called us here!

All: **We are recipients of God's gracious love.**

One: Though weariness and stress have been our constant companions,

All: **We let the love of God wash over us, relieving our stress and weariness.**

One: Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits, giving you hope.

All: **We praise God for such abundant compassion to us.**

One: Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

All: **Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen.**

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._____
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FIRST LESSON

Colossians 2: 6-15

New International Version

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 11: 1-13
The Message

One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”

So he said, “When you pray, say,
 Father, Reveal who you are.
 Set the world right. Keep us alive with three square meals.
 Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
 Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.”

Then he said, “Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don’t have a thing on hand.’

“The friend answers from his bed, ‘Don’t bother me. The door’s locked; my children are all down for the night; I can’t get up to give you anything.’

“But let me tell you, even if he won’t get up because he’s a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he’ll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

“Here’s what I’m saying:
 Ask and you’ll get; Seek and you’ll find; Knock and the door will open.

“Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we’re in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn’t think of such a thing—you’re at least decent to your own children. And don’t you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”

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

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