

Greenwich Point Beach Service

Sunday, July 31, 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.

BENEDICTION

Reverend Patrick Collins

HYMN

I've Got Peace Like A River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

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.

MESSAGE

All That We Need

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12: 13-21
Common English Bible

Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?”

Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.” Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3: 1-11
Common English Bible

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God’s right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. Don’t lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

HYMN

This Little Light Of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine; I'm gon - na let it shine.
2. Ev - ry - where I go;
3. All _____ through the night;

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3. All _____ through the night;

shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has gathered us to this place,

All: where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

One: God summons us to this place,

All: where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

One: God will send us from this place,

All: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.