

GREENWICH POINT BEACH SERVICE

Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

(based on Psalm 133)

One: We have gathered from our different places to worship here and now

All: **How good it is to worship together in unity!**

One: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

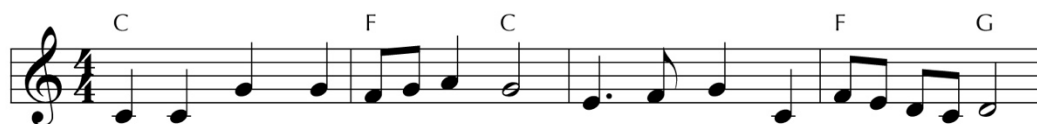
All: **How good it is to worship together in unity!**

One: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

All: **How good it is to worship together in unity!**

HYMN

God Of Great And God Of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 133

New International Version

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 15: 21-28
Common English Bible

From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us."

Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me."

He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

MESSAGE

The Crumbs Of Transformation

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.

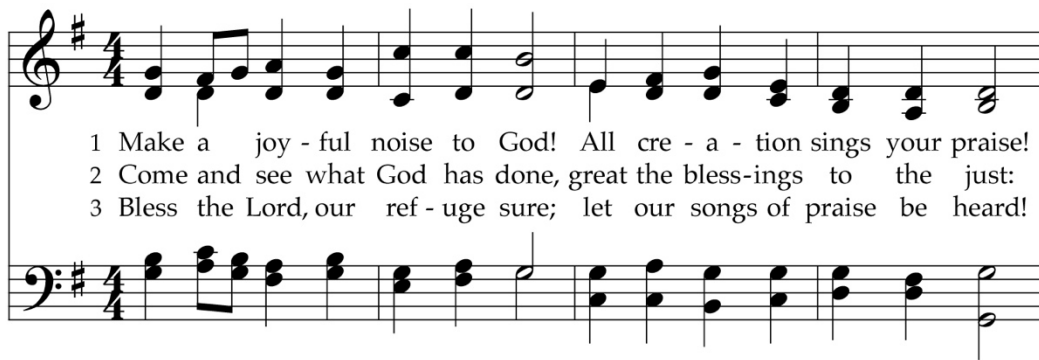
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

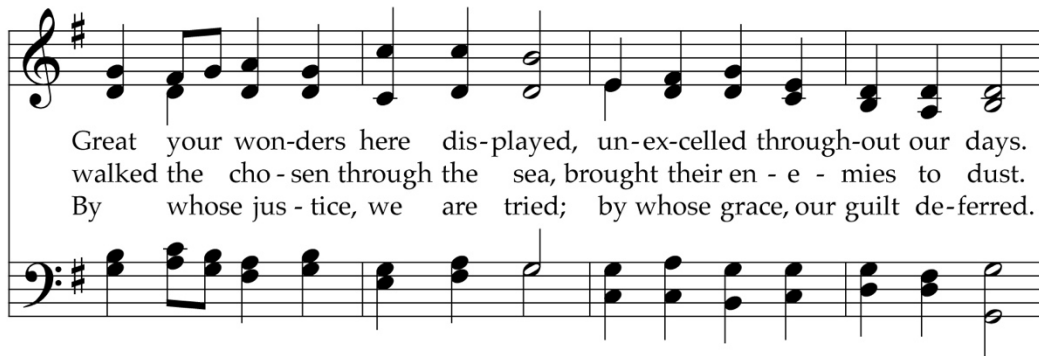
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

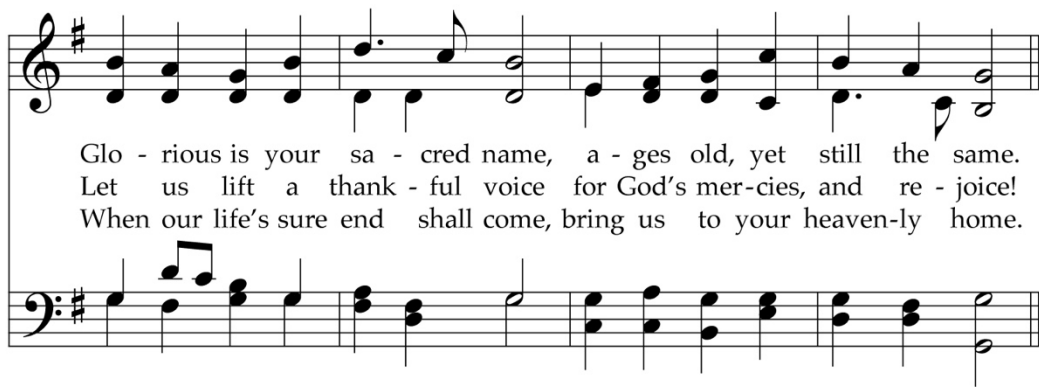
Make A Joyful Noise To God



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.

BENEDICTION