



GREENWICH POINT BEACH SERVICE

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 a.m.

INTO THE DEEP

LUKE 5:4

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

declares itself to be Open and Affirming (ONA); 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.

We welcome you this day and are glad you made the choice to join us for this worship service.

May it be a blessing to you.

Worship Notes: Today's liturgies are all adapted from the three worship services of the General Synod 35 of the United Church of Christ in Kansas City, Missouri, from July 10-15, 2025. The overall theme of General Synod was "Into the Deep," using the scripture of Luke 5:1-11, and the worship services were largely inspired by the book "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

Reverend Cydney Van Dyke

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from General Synod 35 Opening and Community Worship Services

One: We stand here as a united and uniting church,
All: Knowing that whatever space you have come from,
 One: No matter who you are
All: Or how you identify,
 One: No matter who you love,
All: There is space for you here and now.
 One: Bind us up in that vision of unity spoken of by Christ and embraced by our ancestors.
All: Braid us more deeply together,
 One: That rooted and grounded in you,
All: Roots sunk deep in the soil of the gospel,
 One: We may continue toward the unity and witness to which you call us.
All: Let us worship our still speaking and uniting God!

HYMN

I Love You, Lord
 Jon Hunt, piano

Chords: Eb, Bb/F, Eb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Bb/F, Eb, Bb7, Ab, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Eb

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

Luke 5:1-4
 New International Version

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 2:1-7
New International Version

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

MESSAGE

Being The Church

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 (in unison)

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

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

♩ = 80

C F C Dm7 F D° F

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

4 F C F C F C G7 C

Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

BENEDICTION

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