



GREENWICH POINT BEACH SERVICE

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:00 a.m.



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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, and sing your praise!
 All: **Blessing and glory and wisdom be to our God forever!**
 One: Give all your worship to the One who is, who was, and who is to come.
 All: **Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, only to the three in one!**
 One: Every word, every thought, every praise you have, offer to God alone.
 All: **Even when we come to the end of human language, still we sing to the Lord!**

HYMN

Amazing Grace (verses 1, 3, 5)

Jon Hunt, piano



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:1-8

New Revised Standard Version

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:

From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed,
 from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand,
 from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,
 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand,
 from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand,
 from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,
 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand,
 from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17
New Revised Standard Version

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

MESSAGE

Revelation and Resistance: Awaiting A New Thing

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (verses 1, 2, 4)

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore You, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2 All Your works with joy sur-round You, Earth and heav'n re-flect Your rays,
3 Al-ways giv-ing and for-giv-ing, Ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4 Mor-tals join the might-y cho-rus, Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;
Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore You, O-p'ning to the sun a-bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round You, Cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise;
Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, O-cean depth of hap-py rest!
God's own love is reign-ing o'er us, Join-ing peo-ple hand in hand.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; Drive the dark of doubt a-way;
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Lov-ing Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er, Let Your light up-on us shine;
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, Vic-tors in the midst of strife;
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Prais-ing You e-ter-nal-ly!
Teach us how to love each oth-er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life.

BENEDICTION

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