

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-5

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name and make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing praises to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek God's presence and strength continually.

Remember the miracles God has done and his judgments.

We worship you, O God!

Hymn 160 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Prayer of Confession

based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our sin. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us completely. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament 1 Kings 3:5-12

New Testament John 3:22-30

Sermon

"Grünewald's Feet" Dr. Clifford Anderson

Affirmation of Faith (from The Barmen Declaration, 8.14-8.16)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the

godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication +

Most Gracious God, you have rescued us from despair and death by the glorious resurrection of Jesus your Son. Now you remain with us, empowering us by your Spirit. Turn our hearts in compassion for people who struggle in darkness and danger. We renew our commitment to serve you through our church's mission outreach. Use our gifts to kindle the light of the risen Christ in our community and throughout the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 405 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Benediction

Postlude

+ Prayer by Rosanna Anderson, provided for free distribution.

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 26 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Bring a towel or beach chair for worship at Dock Beach.

Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Clifford Anderson is our Guest Preacher. All are invited to worship God in person or via live stream and enjoy coffee hour.

Film Screening 5:00 p.m. at Union Chapel

In collaboration with the Fishers Island Library, join us to view “Dance for All People” by Rachel Balaban, who will be here with us to share in conversation with Rev. Molly Frank.

Tuesday, July 28 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:00 p.m.
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Wed., July 29 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Our hybrid group will meet in the church Parlor to discuss chapter 8, pages 103-115. Zoom Meeting ID: 849 6991 1167
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84969911167>

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Toddlers and caregivers enjoy conversation and snacks.

Thursday, July 30 **Knitting Group** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Bring a creative project and work with others in the parlor.

Saturday, August 1 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon
Memorial Service and Reception noon
Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 2 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Bring a towel or beach chair for worship at Dock Beach.
Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Dr. Martin Tel will be our Guest Organist and Dr. Rosanna Anderson will return to the pulpit. All are invited to worship God in person or via live stream and enjoy coffee hour with us.



FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

*You are welcome here,
no matter where you are
on your journey of faith.*

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