

Prelude “Study No. 3” by Stephen Heller

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-5

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing praises to God; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered.

We worship you, O Lord!

Hymn 581 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Prayer of Confession +

God of wonders, you empower regular people to accomplish your purposes. You call us to be your servants even when we are scared, clumsy, busy and flawed. We confess that sometimes we think we know better than you. Forgive our fears, excuses and self-doubt. Strengthen us by your Spirit to serve our neighbors, build up your church, love your children, and tend to the scorched places of our world. Help our hearts to burn for your righteousness, without burning up or burning out. Give us the courage of Jesus Christ your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 26:1-8

New Testament Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon “Joy in Giving”

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the Confession of 1967)
God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with us. In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

Gathering the Collection "Interlude in G Major" by L. Mourian

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Living God, thank you for your faithful care of all that you have created. We are so glad to rely on your steadfast love. Today, we lift up those who are vulnerable, in physical danger, or caught in addiction. Set them free, like a bird released from a trap. Strengthen our church’s caring ministries through our gifts. May we assist others to embrace the new life that you provide through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church 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 526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Benediction

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+ Adapted from a prayer by Carol Prickett, provided for free distribution.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 30 Beach Church 8:00 a.m.
Worship God in the beauty of creation at Dock Beach. Bring a beach chair or towel to sit on for this casual service.
Worship & Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome to worship God with us in person or via live stream and enjoy refreshments at coffee hour.

Monday, August 31 Live Stream Service 11:30 a.m.
We will host the live stream of the Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Peter Crisp.

Tuesday, September 1 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 p.m.
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Wed., September 2 Bible Study 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
This week we will discuss Chapter 13, "Sowing and Reaping."
Join us in the church Parlor or via Zoom. Meeting ID 834 1604 4724 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416044724>

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Toddlers and caregivers enjoy conversation and snacks.

Thursday, September 3 Knitting Group 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
With the Fishers Island Library, we host the knitting group.

Saturday, September 5 Thrift Shop 9:00 a.m. - noon
Participate in the cyclical economy and support the church.
Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.
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*You are welcome here,
no matter where you are
on your journey of faith.*

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