

We Approach God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Most High God is awesome, the great sovereign over all the earth.

It is good to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you call sinners to repent. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction. Guide us in your path that leads to life. As we seek your truth and obey your will, may we find renewal through your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you know everything. You call us to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that sometimes we say words of love but do not show kindness in our actions. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us by your Spirit so that we may experience the joy of your kingdom and your abundant grace. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Passage Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

New Testament Passage Matthew 13:34-36

Sermon "Dark Sayings" Dr. Clifford Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith Fishers Island Union Chapel Society By-Laws (2002)

We accept as our basic beliefs the central historic beliefs of the Christian faith: We believe in God who creates, sustains and redeems the world; and in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who for us and our salvation lived, died and was raised from the dead; and in the Holy Spirit who comforts, renews and strengthens the followers of Christ. Confessing our belief in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we unite for the purpose of walking in God's ways, living as God's obedient servants, working and praying for the growth of the church, and for serving all people as Christians.

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you are the king of the universe! Everything belongs to you, yet you provide for our needs. We are grateful for your blessings, for we have enough to share. Help us to be faithful in our use of the resources you give us. We give our gifts for the work of the church. May people in our community rejoice in your goodness. 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, for ever
and ever. Amen.

Hymn 710 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Benediction

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 27 Worship & Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome to worship God with us in person or via live
stream and enjoy refreshments and conversation at coffee hour.

Tuesday, September 29 Church Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.
This meeting will take place via Zoom.

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

Wed., September 30 Bible Study 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will discuss chapter 4 of *Philippians for Everyone* by N.T.
Wright. 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.

Saturday, October 3 Thrift Shop 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
End of season clearance sale with many items half price.

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.
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FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

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

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