



## First Church Congregational, Fairfield

*Our Purpose is to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.  
Our Mission is to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.  
Our Vision is a just world for all.*



Beacon, off Mount Desert Island      Date: 1851  
Artist: Frederic Edwin Church, 1826-1900

**August 7, 2022**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:15 AM

## Welcome!

We seek to extend the extravagant welcome of God to all people, all the time. Regardless of your race, class, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, ability, age, immigration status, or sexual orientation, you are always welcome at First Church. We affirm your inherent dignity as a child of God. God created you just as you are and loves you just as you are. We do, too!

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type.

**All the People of God speak the text in boldface.**

*Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.*

**Welcome to our guests!** Thank you for being here. It is such a joy to worship with you. Please speak to Heidi or Frank if you would like to explore how our church may become your spiritual home.

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*Those who wish to remain seated may do so.

**Prelude**

*Partita on "For All the Saints"*  
III. Aria

David M. Cherwien

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Get ready! The Lord needs you.

**We are ready to serve God.**

Be prepared to serve in ministries of justice and peace.

**We are ready to serve God by helping others.**

Open your hearts, your souls, your minds to God's mercy and love.

**Prepare us for service to you, O loving God. AMEN.**

from Nancy C. Townley

**\*Hymn**

*: Let Streams of Living Justice*



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

**\*Prayer of Invocation 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. Amen.

## GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

**\*Hymn of Praise**                      Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Scripture**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

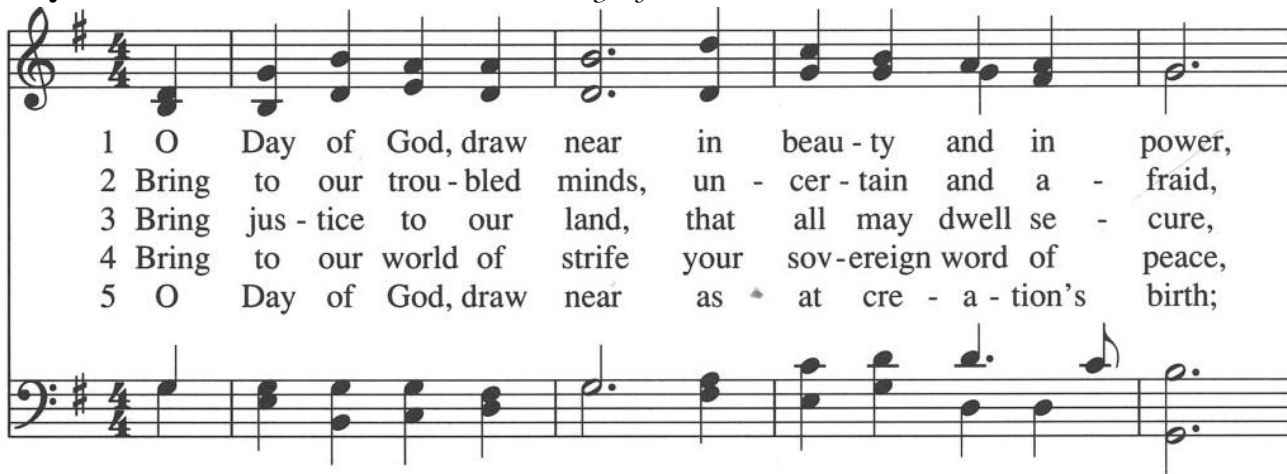
**Sermon**

Heidi Butler, Student Pastor

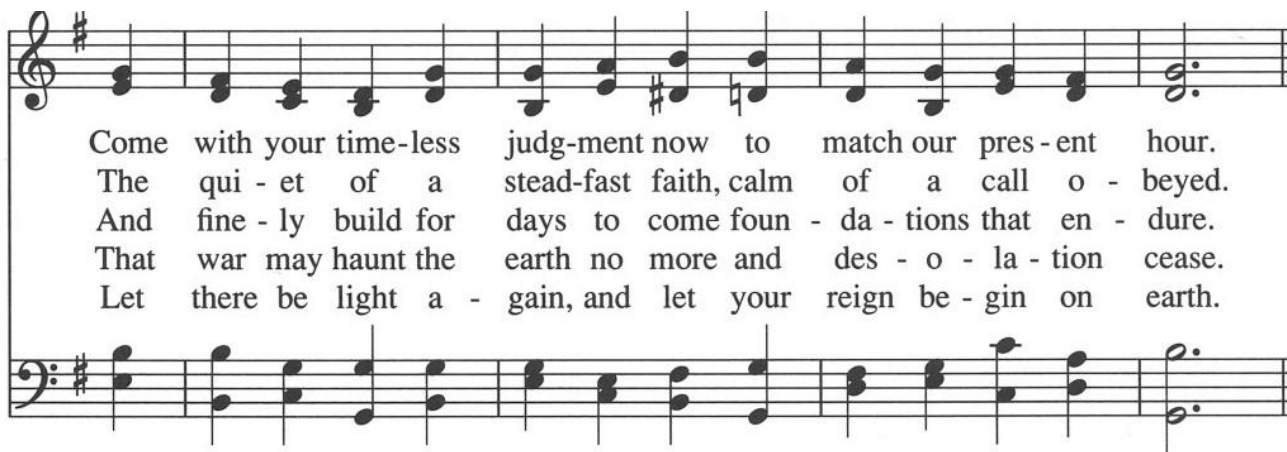
## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn**

*O Day of God Draw Near*



1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,  
4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,  
5 O Day of God, draw near as \* at cre - a - tion's birth;



Come with your time-less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
The qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Partita on "For All the Saints"* David M. Cherwien  
II. Bicinium

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

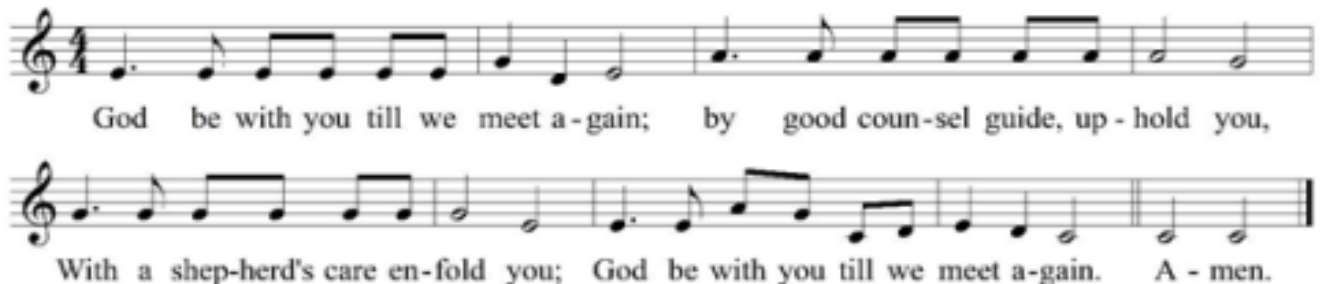
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have renewed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in you, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn *For All the Saints* (see next page)

\*Benediction and Response *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

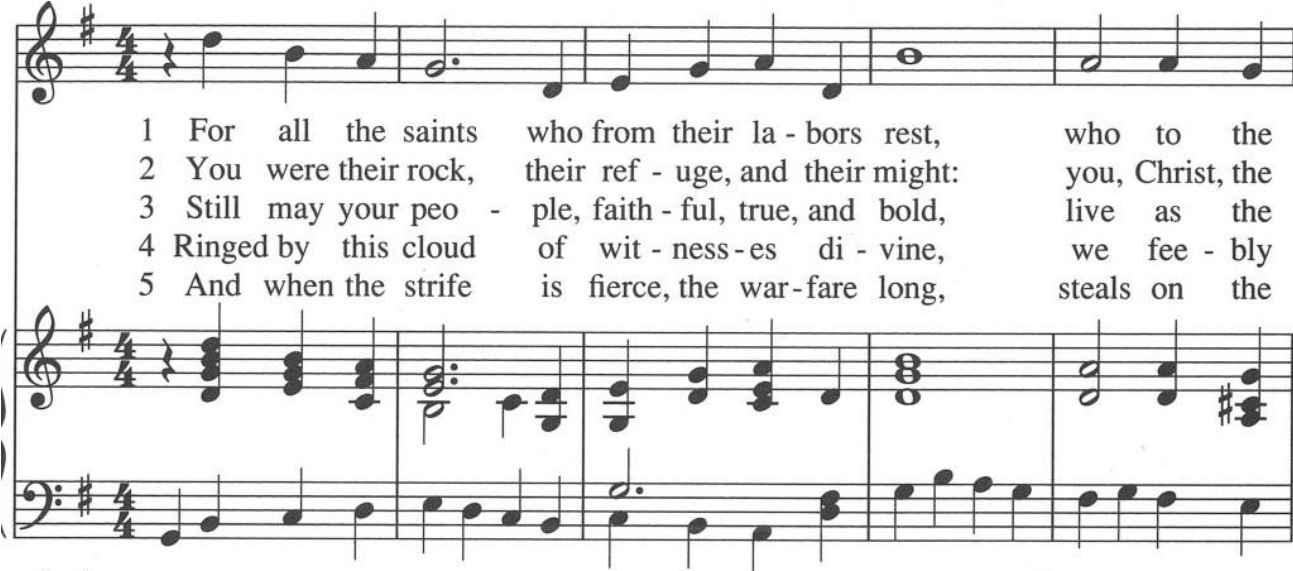


God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
With a shep-herd's care en-fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain. A - men.

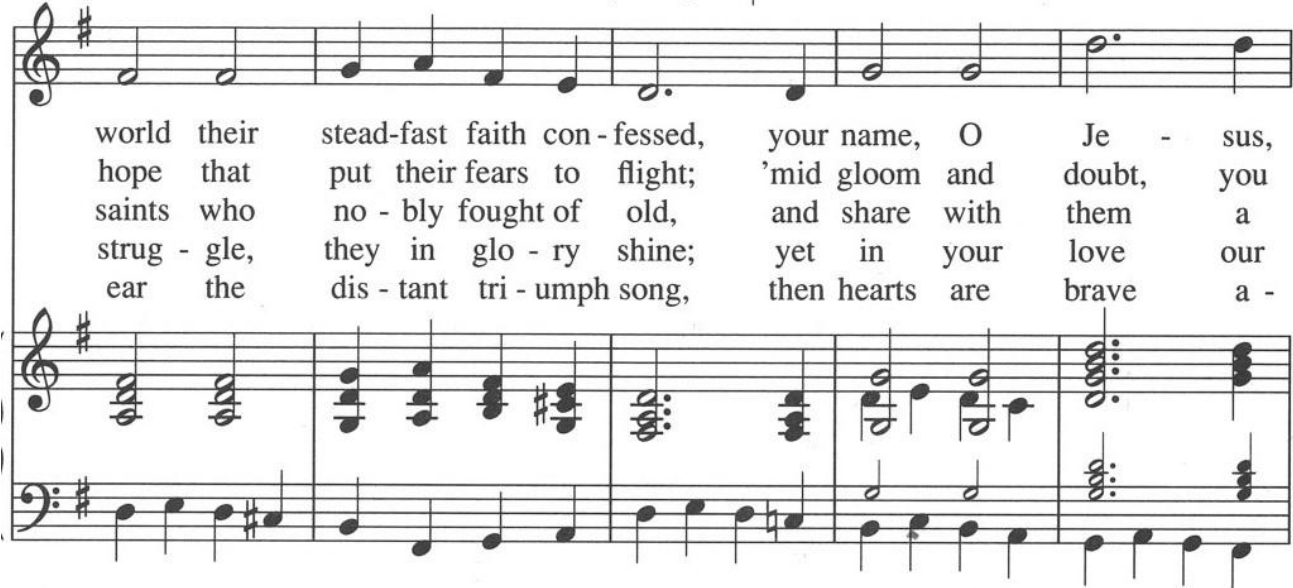
Postlude *Partita on "For All the Saints"* David M. Cherwien  
I. Chorale

\*Hymn

*For All the Saints*



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the  
2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the  
3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the  
4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly  
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the



world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,  
hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you  
saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a  
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our  
ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -



be for - ev - er blessed.  
were their one true light.  
glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
faith - ful lives en - twine.  
gain, and faith grows strong.

## **Leading Us in Worship**

Heidi Butler, Student Pastor

Deacons Michelle Nolan and Petrinea Cash

Dr. Frank Martignetti, Director of Music & Organist

Technology: Trinity Bravo

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## **Please Hold in your Prayers**

**We offer prayers of support and comfort to the Debrosky family on the death of Jen's sister in law, Jill Debrosky.**

**Disciples at First Church:** Christian Bassett; Sandy Bromer; Glen Brown; Pertrinea Cash; Linda Corby; Priscilla Christianson; The Curtin Family; Ken and Betsy Dalling; Fernando Destruge; Fran Evan; Jan Fiddler; Gayle Hand; John Harmon; Joyce Hutchings; Sonia Gutierrez and Henry Hernandez; Charlotte Jefremow; Christy Jefremow; Cathy Kane, her brother Scott and great niece Amelia; Adelaide Kitchen; Lillian Klein; Jerry Krenke; Suzanne Minatti-Lathbury; Jim Meisner, Donna Schmidt; Rachel Spollett; Penny Stevens; Arlene Studer; Joann Van Esselstyn; Andrea Wakeman; Gary Weddle; Elinor Wilber; and Edith Zambo.

**Serving in the military:** James Classy, Sam Classy, Trevor Dawson, David Elmore, Sean Lomnitzer, Kelcy McKenzie, and Christopher Muschett.

**Family and Friends:** Connie Accomando (Jim's mom); Andrea Aldino (Poppy Bonuomo's cousin); Peggy Burden (friend of Rita Skog); Marina Caclio (Sonia Gutierrez's sister's mother-in-law); Elizabeth Clark (friend of the Gindek family); Olivia DeCarli (granddaughter of Laura and Doug Koch); Brandon Deedon (Pertrinea Cash's son); Linda Drew (friend of Poppy Bonuomo); Tom Dwyer (Phil's brother); William Fensterer (Julie Traum's father); Nat Ferrante (Paul's father); Greg and Laura Feigo; Michael Glickman (friend of Michael Traum); Linda Goldstein (friend of Poppy Bonuomo); Greenawalt and Darnall Families (Gindek family); Jose Gutierrez (Sonia's Dad); Nancy Hamlin (Charlotte Dyslin's sister), Christina

Holms (Connie and Bill Sargent's niece); Norma Jenkins and Family (friends of the Gindek family); Erol Kephelas (cousin of Rita Skog); Nancy and Paul King; Bill Lucas (Nancy Szejkowski's brother); Peter Maloney; Brittney Marble (Charlotte Dyslin's niece), Tim Marble (Charlotte Dyslin's brother); Andre Mirkine; Mary Martignetti (Frank's grandmother) MaKayla and John McGovern (friends of Donna Kersten); Ray McKinnis (Father of David McKinnis); Artie Quinn; Dick Reese (father in law of Melissa Stanhewicz); Sally Robinson (Peter's mother); Nan Scarborough (Step-Mother of David McKinnis); Levi Schmidt (Russ Stevens' father-in-law); Darlene and Bobby Scaia (Pat Bilotto's cousins); Vivian Sumpter (friend of Rita Skog); Danielle Taal, daughter of Joe and Lauren Strickland and their five grandsons in Libya; and Hayder, Nada, Ali, and Leith Tawfiq (friends of First Church).