

DAZZLING GRACE



September 14, 2025
Rally Day!

Want to get to know some
amazing people?
Join us downstairs in
Fellowship Hall after worship
for snacks, smiles,
and chit chat!

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Office Hours: 9am-noon on T, W, Th

Gathering

Prelude/Gathering Music	We're Here to Be Happy" "Shine, Jesus, Shine"	Avery & Marsh Kendrick
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Welcome & Announcements

Introit/Centering Music	"Ave Verum"	Mozart
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Introducing Our Theme

* Call to Worship

One: From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
(John 1:16)

Many: God's dazzling grace shines in our hearts!

One: The God who said, "Let there be light" has made this light shine within us.

Many: We shine with God's light, full of joy and possibility!

One: God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.
(Ephesians 3:20)

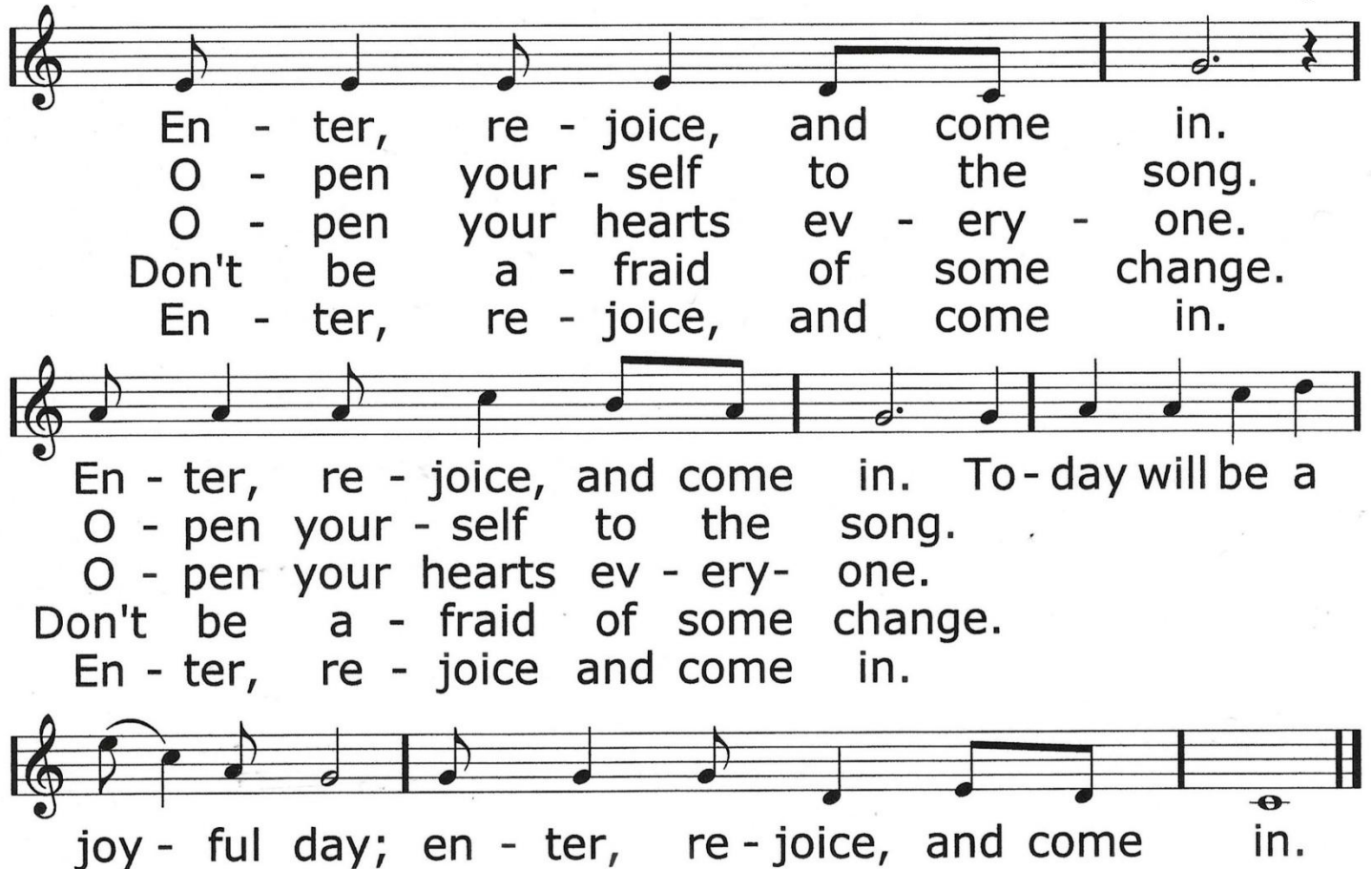
Many: In Christ, we are made new, and all things are possible!
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

All: Dazzling grace — shining with God's light, full of joy and possibility!

* Hymn

Enter, Rejoice And Come In

Louise Ruspini



En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
O - pen your - self to the song.
O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
Don't be a - fraid of some change.
En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

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O - pen your - self to the song.
O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
Don't be a - fraid of some change.
En - ter, re - joice and come in.

joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

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Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Please use words that are most comfortable for you or use the words below.

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

* Sharing a Sign of Peace

Response: And also with you!

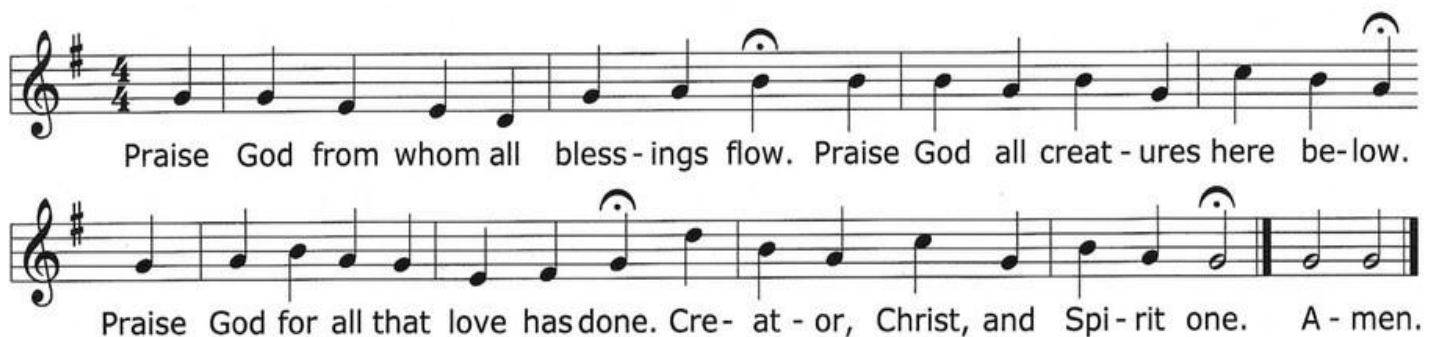
Offering

Offertory"

The Mornin' Light Is Breakin'"

Webb

* Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all creat - ures here be-low.

Praise God for all that love has done. Cre - at - or, Christ, and Spi - rit one. A - men.

* Prayer of Dedication

These are the gifts we bring. These are the hearts we open.
This is the church we love. We pray, O God, that you bring
together in a kaleidoscope of blessing – our gifts, our hearts,
and this beloved church. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-8

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 1: 14-18

Response after the reading: Glory to you, O God.

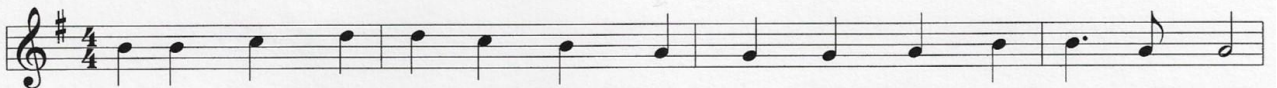
Sermon/Message

* Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ludwig van Beethoven

Henry van Dyke



Joy-ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, 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 to 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 - ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, all who live in love are thine;
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, call us to re - joice in thee.
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.

Words 1907 Music 1824

Holy Meal

First Reading

All: God of Abundant Grace, we confess our joylessness. We have failed to notice the beauty of the earth and the sweet passing of time. We have been aloof to the small kindnesses of others, and have let distractions, worry, and weariness overshadow hope. Forgive us for not opening our spirits, our minds, and our bodies to the blessings you have bestowed upon us.

One: My friends, remember that delight can be found only in God, and by God's grace, you are made new each day.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & Consecration

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus, through this Holy Meal, you awaken us, grow in us, move in us. We cannot stay where we are. Instead, we are birthed outward in the sweep of your ever-evolving universe. We are flung like a hundred stars, expanding, expanding, grace upon grace, coloring the universe with the brilliance you bestow. So be it. Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson



Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing your grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er
thanks for hav - ing come, come to trust, at ev - ery
I am drawn a - new! Let that grace now, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise. Teach me
turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home. Je - sus
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you. Prone to

some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of
wan - der, I can feel it, wand - er from the love I've

bove. Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of
God. Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed
known; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it

God's un - fail - ing love.
bod - y, pre - cious blood.
for your ver - y own.

Words 1758 Music pre 1813

* Benediction

* Postlude/Departing Music “Brighten the Corner” Ogden & Gabriel

Today’s Worship Team

Pastor	Rev. Marie J. Lucca
Director of Music	Robert Knapp
Organist	Emily Knapp
Lay Leader	Kristen Arsenault
Communion Server	Toni Cassidy
Musicians	The World’s Most Dangerous Church Band

Meetings & Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 14	12:15 pm	Golf Outing
Tuesday, September 16	6:30 pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Band Rehearsal
Saturday September 20	5:00 pm	Movie Night & Discussion <i>Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris</i> , Rated PG
Sunday, September 21	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wednesday, September 24	6:45 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Book Club

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

First Congregational Church is an engaging congregation rooted in Christian tradition, but open to new expressions. With openness of heart and responding to God's compassionate grace, we reach out in service to the community and the world! If you would like to learn more about our congregation and its ministries or would like a call or visit from our pastor, please complete the visitor card found in the pews and place it in the offering basket.

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

First Congregational Church is an **"Open and Affirming"** congregation of the **United Church of Christ**, which means that wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, we welcome persons of every age, gender, race, national origin and ethnicity, marital status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical health and abilities, economic and social status, political affiliation, education, and faith background. We also welcome and encourage all people to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We encourage children to actively participate in our worship service; this is where they learn the most about the Christian family — by experiencing it! Children are encouraged to sing, clap, wiggle, fidget, offer prayer requests, share a sign of peace, and receive communion.

OFFERINGS

We are most grateful for your prayers for the ministries, staff, and volunteers of our church and for your offerings. You can make a financial gift on our website fccgeorgetownma.org/giving or use this QR code.



Sunday, September 14, 2025

Golf Outing – All Are Welcome!

Far Corner Golf Course

5 Barker Road
Boxford, MA 01921

Sunday,
September 14, 2025
Cost: \$150 per player
Start time Noon

18 holes of golf w/cart

Best Ball Format

After Golf BBQ

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

- Lowest team score
- Most Accurate Drive
- Closest to the pin
- Close but No Cigar

All for just
\$150/player!!
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Make check payable to
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Annual Golf Extravaganza to Benefit the First Congregational Church of Georgetown



This year's event will be held on **Sunday, September 14th** at the **Far Corner Golf Course** in Boxford.

Tee-off begins at Noon.

There will be an awards presentation and BBQ directly after golf in the clubhouse.

Player Name	Address	Phone#

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks/shorts/skirts.