

**Beach Service**

Breach Inlet, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina

August 27, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Early Service on the beach! Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gathering in God's Presence (Please stand for the opening hymn.)

**\*For the Music of Creation** (See bulletin insert)

\*Expressing Our Joy

Neila Cary

*Leader: God says, "Listen to me in silence. Let the people renew their strength."*

**People: As we draw near to God, we draw near to each other, helping our neighbors and saying to each other, "Take courage!"**

*Leader: We are God's servants, God's friends gathered from the ends of the earth, called from its farthest corners, to whom God says,*

**People: "I have chosen you; fear not, I am with you."**

*Leader: In thankfulness for God's presence and our strength renewed,*

**People: We rejoice!**

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray.* (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.***

***Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Life in the Community

\*Song ***They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love***

Peter Scholtes

1) We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

**Refrain:**

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

2) We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land.

**Refrain**

Scripture: Psalm 100; I John 4:7-12

Message

***Love One Another***

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Response to God's Grace: Gifts of Gratitude

(You are invited to bring your offering to God.)

\*Song 219 (Green Songbook) ***We Give You Thanks*** (Sing twice)

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*We give you thanks. We give you praise.*

*For you are kind, you are love, you are God!*

*We give you thanks.*

\*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

***If You and I Believe in Christ*** (See bulletin insert.)

\*Blessing

\*All those who are able, please stand.

**Songs & Hymns** are from *Sing! A New Creation* and Presbyterian Hymnal (CCLI 1981940)