



First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green
Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

August 1 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

Setting by Wilbur Held (b.1914)

(Please refrain from conversation during the prelude)

INTROIT: *“Surely the Presence”*

Lanny Wolfe (b.1942)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of God say so,
those whom God redeemed from trouble and
gathered in from the lands,
from the east and the west,
from the north and the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

People: Then they cried to God in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress; He
led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

All: Let them thank God for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

***HYMN:** *“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” PH 102*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: We come here, Lord, from many different directions. Some are home for a summer visit with friends and family. Others may be just passing through. Yet whether this is a place of return for us or a

place of venturing outward, we come because we're known best in your presence. Your voice, heard in scripture, tells us we are where we belong. You are our assurance, our compass and our keel. May you be honored and recognized as the center of our lives as we worship you today. This we pray through Christ who taught us, saying...

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen”

SCRIPTURE READING: *Hosea 11:1-11*

ANTHEM: “*Open Our Eyes*”

Will C. MacFarlane (1870-1945)

*Meredith Browne, Laura Ells,
Tim Brennan, Bruce Warren, Bob Smallman*

Open our eyes, O Loving and compassionate Jesus,
that we may behold Thee, walking beside us in
our sorrow.

Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant;
for through its portal we enter into the
presence of the living God.

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,
that we may see to follow Thee, Jesus our Saviour
and Redeemer . Amen.

Frederic West MacDonald

SCRIPTURE READING: *Colossians 3:1-15*

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

All: We know our lives have an established purpose and a

destination. When we pray, we connect mindfully with the One who gives, sustains and redeems these lives of ours. May the Lord hear our deepest longings and give us higher wisdom as we pray, first in silence, then with a spoken word. Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - CHORAL RESPONSE

***HYMN:** *“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”* NCH 448

SERMON: **“A True Homecoming”**

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“Easter Anthem”* William Billings (1746-1800)

*Meredith Browne, Laura Ells,
Tim Brennan, Bruce Warren, Bob Smallman*

Hallelujah! The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah! Now is Christ risen from the dead, And become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah! And did He rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead! He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave. Then I rose, Then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light, and seized Eternal Youth. Man all immortal hail. Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man. Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

***HYMN:** *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* NCH 394

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *“Trumpet Tune”* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

The greeters and lay readers this morning are Deborah Hudson and

Stephanie Smith.

Welcome to our guest minister this morning, the Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDoanld. Rev. MacDonald is a United Church of Christ minister and an independent journalist. He reports on religion, ethics and ideas for national news outlets such as *Time* magazine and *The Christian Science Monitor*. His book, "Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul," came out from Basic Books in April. He lives in Swampscott.

Book signing & conversation with Rev. Jeff MacDonald – At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, Rev. MacDonald (our guest preacher today) will be at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Northshore Mall in Peabody to discuss his new book: *Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul* (Basic Books, 2010). He'll also be signing copies. All are welcome at this free event.

Thank you to the Mixed Quintet for the lovely music this morning.

This morning's music is in remembrance of Larry Love who died this past March 12. Larry lived in Newburyport but came faithfully for many years on Wednesdays to choir rehearsals and on Sundays to sing with the choir. Larry was a "real" tenor. God made very few of them, so Larry was special in that way and in so many other ways to those of us who knew him.

Last year and for at least the 5 that preceded it, Larry sang with the "summer quartet". One of the anthems being sung this morning, "Open Our Eyes", by Will C. Macfarlane, was performed last summer with Larry singing the tenor part. The choir performed it also at Larry's Memorial Service. The second selection this morning, "Easter Anthem" by William Billings, was a Larry favorite and also a part of the quartet's summer repertoire. The Easter message truly has no season and Billing's rendition of it is particularly exuberant!

The Deacons are Lois Grayden and Stephen Armington.
The Sexton is Charlie Hatch.

Welcome to all who worship here this morning. If you are new to our church, a guest or visitor please fill out the “Welcome Card” in the pew, place it in the collection plate and sign the guest book located in the narthex. *Please join us in the front of the church following the service for coffee, tea and hospitality.*

ATTENDANCE

July 25 Guest Minister Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDonald – Church 56.
Youth Group summer program with Jared Hamilton -2 youths, 2 adults.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Please call Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128, by Monday to be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

CARE TEAM, Have you shared the experience?

Our Care Team provides meals, rides, & visits to sustain families in our Church Community through times of illness and loss. If you would like to become involved with this wonderful support system please call; Sheila Kafer 978-525-3253, smkafer@comcast.net
or: Janet Groth at 978-526-8408, jlgroth58@yahoo.com

WORSHIP SERVICES BEGINS AT 9AM

During the months of July, August and September 5th, worship services will start at 9:00am.

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS

The office will be closed on Mondays during the **months of July and August**. Office hours are 9am-12noon Tuesday to Friday.

OUR GUEST MINISTER FOR: September 5 is Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDonald

JULY SUMMER YOUTH SERIES EVENTS with Jared Hamilton, Youth Director, First Parish Church Tel: 978 979-9656

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

August 8 - *Mary-Lou O’Brien*, contralto

August 15 – *String Trio*: Sage Cole-violin, Lorna Tsai-violin,

Estelle Choi-cello. They will be performing with four other young artist (total of seven) at the *Manchester Summer Chamber Music* in the First Parish Chapel on Friday, August 20th. Music by Brahms, Vivaldi, Britten and others. Ticket information at www.sagecole.com or call 978 526-7135.

August 22 – *Jim Brennan*, tenor
August 29 - *Women's Choir*
September 5 – *The O'Brien Family*
September 12 – *The Senior Choir returns*

UPCOMING EVENTS May be found on the calendar hung in the narthex, in the Church Bell or on the Church website:

<http://www.firstparishchurch.org/>

Monday August 2, OFFICE CLOSED

8:30-9:30am Exercise w/Carole-Chapel
9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

Tuesday, August 3

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp
6pm Diaconate meeting- Sanctuary
7:30pm Executive Committee-conference room.

Wednesday, August 4

8:30-9:30am Exercise w/Carole-Chapel
9-3pm 2nd Church retreat-conference room
9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp
10-11am COA Yoga-Sunday school room 13

Thursday, August 5

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp
10am Health Clinic-conference room

Friday, August 6

8:15am-10am Yoga Class w/Carla-Chapel
9am Staff Meeting-conference room
9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp