



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

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

July 25, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

STRING QUARTET PRELUDE: “*Lento*”

from Quartet No. 6 in F Major Op. 96 (American)

Anton Dvorak (1841-1904)

Steve Armington, violin, Catherine Stanton, violin
Bryan Armington, viola, Meredith Brown, violoncello

(Please refrain from conversation during the prelude)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jared Hamilton, Youth Director

Leader: Here we are in the temple of God! Let us rejoice, be glad and worship.

People: We come not because we’ve earned a place here, but because our God of boundless mercy has made a Way for us.

Leader: When we live in the Way, we experience true freedom.

People: When we know the Way, we have direction and peace.

All: Praise be to the One who says: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life! May God be praised in this place today!

***HYMN:** “*The Church’s One Foundation*” NCH 386

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jared Hamilton, Youth Director

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*unison*) *Jared Hamilton, Youth Director*

Lord, you are our one foundation as a community. Whatever we undertake, we need your blessing for it to flourish. Today we refocus ourselves on your Word, your principles and your vision for our world. Give us strength to renew our best commitments, and keep us open to new possibilities. Stretch our hearts and minds, so that we might leave pride, greed and other spiritual hindrances behind. Help us trust that a change of mind and a change of heart are blessings when you are the force behind them. This we pray through Him 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: *Genesis 18:20-32*

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*Salut d’Amour*” Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Steve Armington, violin, Catherine Stanton, violin
Bryan Armington, viola, Meredith Brown, violoncello*

SCRIPTURE READING: *Colossians 2:6-19*

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS

In Unison: Scripture assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. We approach the Lord with confidence in divine mercy, wisdom and concern for human life. Whether we speak aloud or silently, God hears us. Let us come together now in a time of prayer.

SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - RESPONSE

***HYMN:** “*When Peace, Like a River*” (*It is Well with My Soul*) NCH 438

SERMON: “*Free at Last*”

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: “*Andane Cantabile*”

from Quartet No.68 in F. Major Op. 3 No. 5

Steve Armington, violin, Catherine Stanton, violin
Bryan Armington, viola, Meredith Brown, violoncello

***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:** "We Live by Faith and Not by Sight" NCH 256

POSTLUDE: "Lullaby"

George Gershwin (1898-1937)

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The greeters this morning are Mary Ellen and Jerris Cook.

The lay reader this morning is Mary Ellen Cook.

Liturgist: Jared Hamilton, Youth Director.

We welcome this morning to worship, our guest minister the Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDonald.

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.

Thank you for the lovely music this morning, by the String Quartet. Steve Armington, Bryan Armington, Meredith Browne and Catherine Stanton.

The flowers are in celebration of the Manchester Arts Festival, yesterday, at The First Parish Church Open House.

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 18 – Church 58

Summer Youth Program, Canobie Lake Park with Jared Hamilton
Youth and volunteers 12.

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:

August 1st, September 5th is Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDonald

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

July 18 - *Mixed Quintet*

July 25 - *String Quartet*

Steve, Brian, Nick Armington & Meredith Browne

August 1 - *Mixed Quartet*

August 15 - *String Trio*: Sage Cole-violin, Lorna Tsai-violin, Estelle Choi-cello. They will perform with the ***Manchester Summer Chamber Music*** which holds their Second Annual Concert 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*

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

Saturday, July 31st, 1:00pm – 4:00pm – Ice Cream Ball-o-rama!

Middle school youth will take a trip to Richardson's Dairy in Middleton to play miniature golf, hit home runs in the batting cages and whack golf balls on the driving range. And don't forget that there's ice cream!

Youth Cost: \$12.

All Summer Youth Series events are bring-a-friend friendly so everyone is invited. Also, to clarify, middle school events are open to those who were fifth graders in the spring and are going into middle school this fall.

If your child or children are interested in these July events, please call Jared Hamilton, Youth director at 978 979-9656

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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/>

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, July 26

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30-9:30am Exercise w/Carole-Chapel

9-4pm Magic Years Summer camp

Tuesday, July 27

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

4-8pm Chapel kitchen - Jared Hamilton, Youth Director

Wednesday, July 28

8:30-9:30am Exercise w/Carole-Chapel

9am-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

10-11am COA Yoga-Sunday school room 13

Thursday, July 29

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

Friday, July 30

8:15am-10am Yoga Class w/Carla-Chapel

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

Saturday, July 31

1-4pm Youth Group Ice Cream Ball-O-Rama to Middleton
miniature golf -Jared Hamilton, Youth Director