



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

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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

August 15, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE:** *Six Country Dances, Woo15. Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)*

Sage Cole-violin, Lorna Tsai-violin, Estelle Choi-cello

(Please refrain from conversation during the prelude)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

When we stumble and our faith falters,

**God's faithfulness bears us along.**

When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong,

**God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.**

When our daily duties distract, and our visions grow fuzzy,

**God's faithfulness pierces the fog and beckons us.**

God's faithfulness endures forever!

**We lift our hearts in praise,  
this day, and forever more!**

**\*HYMN:** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" PH 8*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**O God, in our time of worship,  
and throughout the hours of our days,  
remain at the center of our thoughts and actions.**

**When all we do seems to fly off in scattered bits and pieces,  
and even when our lives spin out of control,  
draw us back to you.**

**Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith.  
In our looking outward into time and your creation,  
enable us to focus our hopes  
and to do your will for us  
and for this world.**

**Be for us a home base, a center of gravity,  
a balance point, a source of loving support  
through Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray...**

**\*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:** *Jeremiah 23:23-29*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

*Double Violin Concerto in d minor, BWV 1043, Largo ma non tanto.*

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Sage Cole-violin, Lorna Tsai-violin, Estelle Choi-cello

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your steadfast love.

**Blot out our transgressions,  
according to your abundant mercy.**

We know our transgressions.

**Our sins are ever before us.**

Create in us a clean heart.

**Place a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

Let us offer our silent prayers...

**SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN:** “*For the Faithful Who Have Answered*” NCH 384

**SERMON:** “**What has Straw to do with Grain?**”

## MOMENT OF MEDITATION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**OFFERTORY:** *Trio in A Major, Op. 4.* *J.C. Bach (1735-1782)*  
Sage Cole-violin, Lorna Tsai-violin, Estelle Choi-cello

## \*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:** *"Faith of the Martyrs"* NCH 381

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** *Trio Sonata in G Major, BMV 1039, Allegro ma non presto.*  
*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Sage Cole-violin, Lorna Tsai-violin, Estelle Choi-cello

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The greeters this morning are John and Marianne Round.  
The lay reader this morning is John Round.

**Thank you to our guest, String Trio, this morning.**

A native of Calgary, Alberta, **Estelle Choi** began her cello studies at the Mount Royal College Conservatory. Having recently completed her Certificate in Performance at the Yale School of Music, Estelle is continuing her studies in California, at the Colburn Conservatory of Music.

Manchester native, **Sage Cole**, studied violin with Maria Benotti of Essex MA, at the New England Conservatory Preparatory School,

before attending Barnard College and the Manhattan School of Music. After completing her masters in music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sage returned to New York City where she is currently a freelance violinist and teacher.

Andover native, **Lorna Tsai**, studied violin at the New England Conservatory Preparatory School, followed by Northwestern School of Music and the Yale School of Music where she completed her masters in music. Currently Lorna is a member of the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, FL.

The Deacons are Stephen Armington and Lois Grayden.  
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**

August 11 – Church 48.

**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](mailto:smkafer@comcast.net)  
or: Janet Groth at 978-526-8408, [jlgroth58@yahoo.com](mailto:jlgroth58@yahoo.com)

## **WORSHIP SERVICES BEGINS AT 9AM**

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

**TODAYS GUEST STRING TRIO** 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 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Music by Brahms, Vivaldi, Britten and others. Ticket information at [www.sagecole.com](http://www.sagecole.com) or call 978 526-7135.

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

### **BOOK SIGNING & CONVERSATION**

**with Rev. Jeff MacDonald** – At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, **Sept. 8**, Rev. MacDonald (our guest preacher) 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.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC FOR OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

**August 22** – *Jim Brennan*, tenor

**August 29** - *Women's Choir*

**September 5** – *The O'Brien Family*

**September 12** – *The Senior Choir returns*

### **AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup> WORSHIP - GOOD-BYE/FAREWELL**

Please join us on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to say Good-bye/Farewell to Eleanor Cappon and Bill Bowman. They are moving to Maine. Their new address as of September 1, 2010 will be: Eleanor & Bill Bowman, Schooner Cove, Apt. 115, 35 Schooner St., Damariscotta, ME 04543

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May be found on the calendar hung in the narthex, in the Church Bell or on the Church website: [First Parish Church Congregational](http://www.firstparishchurch.org)

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### **Monday, August 16**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

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

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

### **Tuesday, August 17**

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

7:30pm Church Council Meeting-conference room

### **Wednesday, August 18**

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

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

10-11am COA Yoga-Sunday school room 13

### **Thursday, August 19**

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

9:30-12noon Rehearsal-Chapel

10am Health Clinic-conference room

### **Friday, August 20**

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

9-10am Staff Meeting-conference room

9-4pm Magic Years Summer Camp

7:30pm **Manchester Summer Chamber Music**, (seven young artists). First Parish Chapel. For ticket information please visit [www.sagecole.com](http://www.sagecole.com) or call 978 526-7135.

### **Saturday, August 21**

4pm Wedding

7:30-11:30pm Youth Group summer program to Boston Hatch Shell with Jared Hamilton, Youth Director