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**On the Village Green**  
**Manchester -by -the -Sea, Massachusetts**

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## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

February 19, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *“Amazing Grace”*

*Setting by Gerald Near (b.1942)*

### OPENING SENTENCE

May the Grace of God, the Love of Jesus Christ and the Council of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*[Please remain standing for the “Presentation of the Flame”]

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see the radiance of Jesus Christ!

**The glory of God shines on every face!**

The light of God makes every day holy.

**We gather in the light for worship and trust God’s presence in our midst.**

In the depth of our struggle, we trust that God is present, giving us courage and peace beyond understanding.

**God’s holiness touches all things, all people, all times, all places.**

May God’s light, illuminating the face of Christ, shine on all our days.

**Thanks be to God!**

\***HYMN:** *“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” NCH 182*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty and loving God, lead us to that place where we see you clearly. Lead us to that place where your commandment is heard above all competing voices. Let us hear the words of Jesus, your beloved Son, and renew our resolve to follow him in all our ways. And may our faces reflect the radiance of Christ in whose name we pray**

**and for the sake of whose realm we labor.**

**\*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”

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Almighty God,

You have sent us to the Mountain to see the glory of your Son,

**A glory that shines in a dark world.**

We confess that we turn away from this glory.

**We confess that we speak when we should listen,  
and act when we should wait.**

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms and grant us wisdom to live in your light.

**Be with us so that we will listen to the words of your beloved Son  
and your glory will illuminate our lives.**

**SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN:**      *“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”*      NCH 183

**SCRIPTURE READING:**    *2 Kings 2:1-12*

**ANTHEM:**    *“Steal Away”*

*African-American Spiritual  
Arranged by Nicolas White (b.1967)*

Steal Away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal home, ain't got long to stay here.  
My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal Away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal home, ain't got long to stay here.  
Green trees are bendin', poor sinners stand atremblin';  
The trumpet sounds within a my soul,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal Away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal home, ain't got long to stay here.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Mark 9:2-9*

**SERMON:** *“The Monkey Wrench”*

*Jared M. Hamilton*

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”*

*Words by Thomas T. Lynch (1818-1871)*

*Tune: Adoro te devote, 1697*

*Arranged by K. Lee Scott (b.1950)*

Gracious Spirit, dwell dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

## **\*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:** *"Be Now My Vision" NCH 451*

\*[The "Removal of the Flame"]

## **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *"Hornpipe" Charles Callahan (b.1951)*

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The greeter and lay reader this morning is Jane Pearson.

The flowers are given in loving memory of Arlene and Tom Taylor from the Darwin Schanley family.

The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Linda Palmstrom.  
The Sexton is Jennifer Gallagher.

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**

Church 73, Sunday school 37, Youth 10, Faith Formation 18

## Notes On Today's Anthem

The double meaning of words was most evident in the vernacular tradition during the physical enslavement of African people. For instance, spirituals provided a non-threatening religious cover for Africans to communicate plans for meetings and escape from their captors. A prime example is the spiritual "Steal Away to Jesus" that has several illustrations of double meaning. A white slave master may hear this spiritual and think the person is simply singing about going to heaven to see Jesus, but the double meaning is present throughout the song. The phrase "steal away" is a code telling enslaved Africans that there will be an escape attempt coming soon, perhaps that night. Even the word "Jesus" has a double meaning. In the religious connotation, Jesus is the messiah, or the human manifestation God. In the secular connotation, Jesus represents heaven, which often represents the northern "free states" or Canada. Thus, the song is actually telling enslaved people to run away to the North or Canada.

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

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

After service Sunday **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, the first Parish Church will hold its Annual Business Meeting. [Report can be viewed here.](#)

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Save the Date! The Birthday Bash** is here-**March 4<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following service in the Chapel. Do you like to bake? Decorate? [Please sign up online to reserve your month to bake a cake or decorate a table](#)  
Contact Alison Walker 283-3842, with questions. Hosted by the Christian Education Committee, this is an All-Church event and everyone is welcome to come celebrate-See you soon!

### **LET'S HAVE DINNER!**

Please join us for a fun evening together, sharing a delicious meal. This is a popular event where we dine together in small groups at the homes of fellow parishioners to enjoy good food and lively conversation.

**Date:** Saturday, **March 10**

**Time:** 6:00 – 9/9:30 p.m.

**RSVP ONLINE** or call Anne D'Angelo at 978 526-7223 or AV\_DANGELO@yahoo.com

Please indicate whether you would like to host as well. (All food & wine will be provided to each host).

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**-Growing Together Thursday** at 7:30 p.m.

**-Friday Bible Study Friday** at 4:00 p.m.

**-Soup & Conversation Sunday Feb 19** First Parish Church on a Mission!

How we are making a difference on the North Shore. Please let Judy Haley or Steve Carhart know if you will be bringing soup.

Watch how the people of First Parish put Jesus' words into action through our local missions. See slides and hear stories about how we are making a difference.

**-Women's Fellowship March 19 Meeting: SAVE THE DATE**

Judy Haley 978 937-8881 [pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net](mailto:pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net)

### **NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please contact the office if you would like envelopes and do not have any assigned for 2012.

### **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 [janbythesea244@gmail.com](mailto:janbythesea244@gmail.com)

### **COOKBOOKS**

The Cookbooks is \$18.00 each or 2 or more for \$15.00 per copy. Please call Alison Walker at 283-4842, to order. Checks can be made payable to: First Parish Church, please note on the memo line: "cookbook".

-The CE Committee.

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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: [First Parish Church Congregational](#)

### **Monday, February 20**

Office Closed -Presidents Day

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Exercise w/Carole-Chapel

7:30 PM - Manchester Singers - Chapel

### **Tuesday, February 21**

9:30 AM - Playgroup, FPC - Chapel

11:00 AM Manchester Woman's Club - Chapel

7:30 PM - Church Council Meeting - Conf.Rm

### **Wednesday, February 22**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Exercise w/Carole- Chapel

10:00 AM - COA Yoga - Chapel

7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Reader: Carole Schanley, Greeters: Darvin and Carole Schanley

7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Chapel

### **Thursday, February 23**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting - Conf.Rm

### **Friday, February 24**

8:00 AM -9:45 AM Yoga w/Carla- Chapel

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study w/Judy Haley- Conf.Rm

### **Saturday, February 25, 2012**

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group Service Project