



**First Parish Church, Congregational**  
**On the Village Green**

**Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion Sunday

May 6, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

*Tune by Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)*

*Arranged by Dale Wood (1934-2003)*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, our God, You are holy;

**You are enthroned on the praises  
of those who love you.**

In you we put our trust.

**In you we find our deliverance.**

Let us praise God’s Holy Name.

**\*HYMN:** “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” NCH 28

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in Unison)**

**Look at me, O Lord:**

**with my arms spread out to draw people in,  
my hands are open,  
and my heart is filled with goodness...**

**I am as a tree!**

**Look at me,**

**I am even bigger than the tree in the wood:  
because, O Lord of Creation,  
I bear fruit in all seasons:**

**even in winter, when skies are grey  
and cold seizes the earth and  
its people are in an icy grip.**

**Look at me, Lord, I am a tree,**

**and I say to everyone I meet,  
Come and eat of the fruits of my tree!  
Come and share my smile  
if sadness brings you down!  
Come and take my forgiveness  
if malice has enveloped you!  
Come and pick my friendship  
if dread has seized you!  
Come and taste my joy  
if misfortune has wounded you!  
Come to my tree and help yourself  
for I am rooted in an eternal spring,  
that never runs dry!**

**Look at me, Lord:  
just as you asked,  
I am a tree which bears good fruit.**

**\*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:** *1 John 4:7-21*

**ANTHEM:** “*Christ’s Flock*”

*Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

*In Christ’s own flock let love be surely placed,  
From Christ’s own flock let concord hate expel:  
Of Christ’s own flock let love be so embraced,  
As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.  
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*Christ is the author of all unity,  
From whence proceedeth all felicity.  
O sing unto this glittering King,  
O praises bring from every living thing:  
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring.  
Alleluia.*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *John 15:1-8*

## **MORNING PRAYER**

### **CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Living God, be known to us through our prayers,  
both those spoken and those unspoken.

**Help us to perceive your presence,  
as near as our breath,  
yet mysteriously hidden,  
seemingly distant.**

Help us to seek you as you are seeking us.

**Speak your word of power and  
make us true disciples of Christ.**

Transform us through your fiery Spirit.

**All glory be to you as you guide us and  
chide us to be one with your purposes. Amen.**

Let us pray...

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

**\*HYMN:** *"When Love is Found"* [v. 1, 3, 4] NCH 362

**SERMON:** *"The Best Way to Love"*

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *“With a Voice of Singing”*  
*Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
And let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name,  
Make his praise to be glorious.*

**\*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:** *“Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah” [v. 1+2] PH 93*

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to Communion**

When Jesus, the Risen Savior, was at the table with two of the disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of that bread.

**In company with all believers in every time, and beyond time,  
we come to this table to know the risen Christ  
in the breaking of the bread.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself.

**We thank you for making us in your own image,  
for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us,  
and for keeping us in your steadfast care.**

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of this life.

**We remember Christ's death,  
we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and,  
in the beloved community of your church,**

**we await Christ's return at the end of history.**

We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven we glorify you.

**Amen.**

### **Institution**

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and this cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

### **Distribution of Elements**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We thank you, Almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,  
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*\*[The "Removal of the Flame"]*

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE:**    *"How Firm a Foundation"*

*Setting by Don Hustad (b.1918)*

The greeters this morning are Sarah Holch and children Gus and Tess.

The lay reader is Jeffrey Bodmer-Turner.

The Acolyte is Claire Gendron. The Bell Ringer is Charlotte Pick.

The flowers are given in loving memory of Weymouth Marshall on his birthday with love from his family.

The Deacons are Janet Groth and Jeff Bodmer-Turner.  
The Sexton is Jennifer Gallagher.

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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 36

“If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, she learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, she learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, she learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
she learns to find love in the world.”

*(Dorothy Note, on children growing up)*

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**[www.firstparishchurch.org](http://www.firstparishchurch.org)**

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

## **HAND KNITTED BABY BLANKETS - For Baptism Gifts**

Please join a growing group of ladies who have begun knitting blankets for babies baptized here at First Parish Church, Congregational.

A meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the chapel parlor room.** We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please call Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128 or email at [laphenpen@live.com](mailto:laphenpen@live.com)

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**Growing Together:** Thursday, we will start discussing Charles Murray, Coming Apart. Excerpts provided for our discussion.

**Friday Bible Study:** 4pm

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

### **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)



## 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, May 7**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Exercise-Chapel

7:30 PM Manchester Singers-Chapel

### **Tuesday, May 8**

9:30 AM Playgroup-Chapel

6:30 PM Missions Committee-Conf.Rm

### **Wednesday, May 9**

8:300 AM - 9:30 AM Exercise-Chapel

10:00 AM COA Yoga-Chapel

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Chapel

### **Thursday, May 10**

6:00 PM Incare Committee-Conf.Rm

7:30 PM Growing Together-Conf.Rm

### **Friday, May 11**

8:00 AM Yoga Chapel

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study-Conf.Rm

6:00PM Chapel in use

## **MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a fund raising concert whose proceeds will be contributed to The Grace Center. The concert will be a wonderful early evening of jazz entitled “**Jazz for Joy**” that will include New York Jazz featuring vocalist Rebecca Shrimpton and pianist Bonnie MacLeod, Latin Jazz featuring the Willie Sordillo Quartet, and Creole and Cajun Jazz featuring the Henri Smith Quartet. The Grace Center, which is sponsored by The Cape Ann Interfaith Commission, operates a day resource center for adults in crises. This resource center provides a safe and warm place for adults who have nowhere to go during the day. It also serves those adults dealing with poverty and a lack of basic needs.

This **concert** will be held on **TODAY, Sunday, May 6, at 5:00 p.m. in the church.** Tickets are \$15.00 per person and are available in the narthex from Peter, at the church office, and at the door. Please make checks payable to the First Parish Church. *–Thank you.*



# JAZZ FOR JOY

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE GRACE CENTER

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A WELCOMING DAY SHELTER  
FOR CAPE ANN'S HOMELESS  
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**Tickets \$15.00**  
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