

First Parish Church, Congregational

On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, February 23, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Berceuse”*
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** *“Christ is Made the Firm Foundation”* NCH #400

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***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: Psalm 119: 33-40

ANTHEM: *“Come, You People, Rise and Sing”*
Text: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955)
Tune: “Boundless Mercy”, from Union Harmony, 1830
Arranged by Kenneth Dake (b. 1961)

Come, you people rise and sing praise to God who made you,
And to heaven's eternal King bring the prayers God bade you.
Bring your praise for mercies past, all God's love confessing,
And in life, while life shall last, ask your Maker's blessing.

Praise we God the only Son who in mercy sought us;
Born to save a world undone, out of death he brought us;
Here, awhile he showed his love, suffered uncomplaining;
Now he pleads for us above, ris'n ascended, reigning!

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost, help us to adore you,
Till with all the angel host low we fall before you,
Till throughout our earthly days, guided, loved, forgiven,
We can blend our songs of praise with the song of heaven!

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:38-48

***HYMN:** *"I Would Be True"*

NCH #492

SERMON: *"A Way to Discipleship"*

Rev. Fungayi Mutsumbei

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*
(Prayer of St. Francis)
Music by Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
Arranged by Martin Neary (b. 1940)

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Refrain:

*O Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy:

Make me a channel of your peace:
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace:

Where there is hatred let me bring your love,

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

***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:** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

NCH #386

*[The "Removal of the Flame"]

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *"Pasticcio"*

Jean Langlais (1907-1993)

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The greeter and lay reader is Jane Pearson.

The Deacons are Jan Marshall and Paul Gudonis.

The Sexton is Rachael Gallagher.

After the service join us in the front of the church for hospitality.

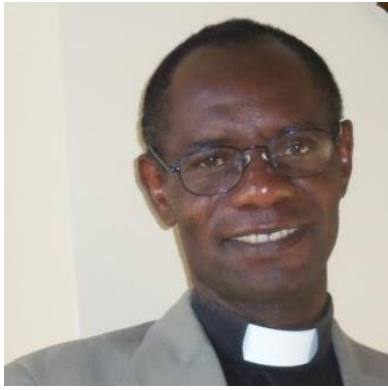
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ATTENDANCE Church 42, Faith Formation 6



Join us after worship in the Chapel for Soup & Conversation. Rev. Fungayi Mutsumbei will be our guest presenter with a conversation on "*What it Means to be a Woman in Zimbabwe*". Warm soups will be available.



Rev. Fungayi Mutsumbei, from Zimbabwe, is our guest preacher this morning at First Parish Church's 10 a. m. service.

In Sept 2012, Rev. Fungayi Mutsumbei said goodbye to his wife and four children in Zimbabwe, boarded a plane and in twenty-eight hours arrived at Boston's Logan Airport. In a little more than a day, he traveled from a third world country experiencing extreme poverty and systemized government oppression to the unimaginable abundance of life in the USA. In Zimbabwe the majority of people walk vast distances for the basic necessities of water and food. Rev. Mutsumbei noted that in the USA, very few people walk, most families have more than one car and in most cars there is just one person – a striking example of poverty vs. abundance.

Rev. Mutsumbei has served as a Zimbabwean pastor since the early 1990s and since 2007 has been the Eastern Conference Superintendent of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe with the oversight of 36 churches.

For 2 decades, Rev. Mutsumbei has worked tirelessly speaking openly at church and community events about HIV/AIDS, environmental concerns, and to educate people about food security.

Rev. Mutsumbei is pursuing a Master's Degree in Theology at Andover Newton Theological School because he believes education makes for stronger and more effective leadership. His goals upon his return to Zimbabwe include a project in the Chipinge District to work with communities on gender equity, violence and abuse in relationships. Rev. Mutsumbei recognizes that well trained pastors are an effective way to bring about change in cultural beliefs, gender roles and bring a theological perspective to the Zimbabwean culture.

THE CARE TEAM MINISTRY, Have you shared the experience?

We support FPC families with meals, rides, & visits through times of illness and loss. If you would like to become involved with this wonderful team contact;

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FAITH FORMATION

What renews you?



Women's Fellowship Feb 24 "Not Just for Brides" Kitchen Shower to restock the church kitchen: soup bowls, paper napkins, or paper/plastic tablecloths. Refreshments theme is "tea time." You know you want to come!

Growing Together Thursday 7:30 p.m. for the thoughtful Christian
Friday Bible Study Friday 4:00 p.m. Beyond the begats—understanding the Bible

Judy Haley, 978 937-8881, pastoralassist.fpchurch@verizon.net.



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 1, 6:30 p.m.

RSVP: Anne D'Angelo at (978) 526-7223 AV_DANGELO@yahoo.com

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

THIS WEEK:

Monday

8:00 AM Exercise
7:30 PM Manchester Singers

Tuesday

9:30 AM COA Zumba
11:30 AM COA Lunch of the Month

Wednesday

8:00 AM Exercise
10:00 AM COA Yoga
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

3:00 PM Seaside Knitters
6:30 PM Diaconate
7:30 PM Growing Together

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study
High School Youth Event TBD

Saturday

9:00 AM Dance Class
6:30 PM Lets Have Dinner

Sunday

9:00 AM Bibles and Bagels
10:00 AM Worship Communion
Nursery, Sunday School
Solace Youth Group