

First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion Sunday, October 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
40th Anniversary of Rev. John Hughes' Ordination

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Meditation” Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944)*
Transcribed by Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
Meredith Browne, flute

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will praise God with all my heart.

I will sing God's praises before other false gods.

For our God's loving kindness is forever.

***HYMN:** *“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”* NCH #18 black

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of mercy.

Come and be with us and in us and beside us and over us.

Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining.

Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring.

Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing.

Abide in our prayers, the spoken and unspoken; and

Make your Word come true in our flesh;

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who taught us to pray...

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: Lamentations 3:19-26
Psalm 137

pg. 1627
pg. 973

ANTHEM: *“Yet I Will Rejoice in the Lord”*

James Biery (b. 1956)

Susan Burnett-Halling, oboe

Meredith Browne, violoncello

Though the fig tree do not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food;
though the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls;
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will joy in the God of my salvation.

God, the Lord, is my strength; his glory covers the heavens.
God, the Lord, is my strength and his glory covers the heavens,
And the earth is full of his praise.

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION’S JOYS AND CONCERNS

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:5-10

pg. 1627

***HYMN:** *“Here I am Lord”*

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SERMON: *“Renewed Purpose”*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**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

Holy God, our loving Creator, as close to us as breathing and distant as
the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have
made.

**We thank you for all that sustains life,
for all people of faith in every generation
who have given themselves to your will,
and especially for Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.**

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. We praise
you for calling forth your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by
the presence of the Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite
our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere, in
gratitude.

*[The “Removal of the Flame”]

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *“Allegro Maestoso” from Water Music*
 George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
 Jeanne G. Pocius Dorismond, Trumpet

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Please welcome, Kathy Olmsted, Scribe for the UCC Conference, here today to help congratulate Rev John Hughes on his 40th year of Ordination.

The greeters are the Hughes Family. The lay reader is Marilyn Hughes. The acolyte and bell ringer will be Liam McILroy and Maeve McILroy. Ushers are Santana Tosi, Colton Tosi, and Madeleine McILroy.

The flowers are given in honor of Rev. John Hughes’ 40 year anniversary of his Ordination at First Congregational Church, Billerica, MA on October 3, 1976.

The Deacons are Paul Gudonis and Shawn Newman.



Today, October 2, at the Chapel following worship. you are welcome to join us for a luncheon conversation on Congregational History with Margaret Bendroth.

Readers and Greeters are always needed, contact the office or talk to the Deacons.

Listening devices are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to address a Deacon should you need help using them.

Welcome to all who are new to our worship. To join our mailing list contact office.fpchurch@verizon.net , 978-526-7661 ext 1.



Ragtime Pianist, Bob Milne, returns Saturday, October 8th as First Parish Church, Congregational of Manchester celebrates its 300th Anniversary.

Library of Congress “National Treasure”, Bob Milne, performs Ragtime and Boogie-Woogie music at **5 PM on Saturday, October 8** at First Parish on The Village Green in Manchester by the Sea. Considered by many to be the best Ragtime/Boogie-Woogie pianist in the world, Bob Milne specializes in this music style that

developed in America in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s, he brings endless enthusiasm, enchanting ease of playing, and an engaging manner while telling stories about the music with warmth and humor.

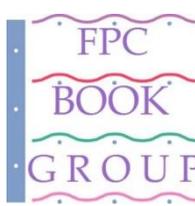
A donation of \$20 appreciated at the door. Check out [Bob's website](#)

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

Seaside Parish Knitters begins again **September 22!**

Join the us, we meet alternating Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room of the Chapel. 3-5 PM.



 We will be gathering again Monday October 24, 7 PM at Bonnie Benincasa's house. 25 Hickory Hill Road. The book for October is “Carry On” by Lisa Fenn. *In the spirit of The Blind Side and Friday Night Lights comes a tender and profoundly moving memoir about an ESPN producer’s unexpected relationship with two disabled wrestlers from inner city Cleveland, and how these bonds—blossoming, ultimately, into a most unorthodox family—would transform their lives.* Book group will continue to meet monthly throughout the year.



Will be moving to **Thursdays** this fall, still led by Rev. John Hughes and at 4 PM.

Christmas Fair- **Saturday, November 19**





Save the date, Saturday, October 22

At the sign of the rose, we're happy to announce that our new season of *Vespers* quiet time, prayerful meditation candle-lighting at the altar, and music, resumes this fall.

All are welcome. The Sanctuary opens at 6:30 for meditation & prayer; our service is from 7 – 7:30 pm.

Weds., Oct. 5 – Vespers: *“wait patiently” psalm 40*

Weds., Oct. 19 – Vespers: *“no slumber” psalm 121*

Weds., Nov. 2 – Vespers: *“delights in people” psalm 149*

Weds., Nov. 30 – Vespers: *“peace within” psalm 122*



This Week

Monday

7:30 PM Manchester Singers

Tuesday

10:00 AM COA Zumba

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

7:00 PM Vespers

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Health Clinic

3:00 PM Seaside Knitters

4:00 PM Bible Study

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga

Saturday

5:00 Pm Bob Milne Ragtime Concert

Sunday

10:00 AM Worship

No Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group