



First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 16, 9:00 a.m.

“Then Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’ (Matthew 18:21-22)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from *Touch Holiness*)

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

We know the beauty of God’s creation and the wonder of the human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttimes of loneliness.

We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

***HYMN:** “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

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PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (adapted from *Touch Holiness*)

Gracious God, we confess that sometimes our hearts are closed tight against your love and mercy. Sometimes we hold on to unlove for ourselves, resentment against those for whom we care, anger at our helplessness, and complicity in the structures of society. We have protected ourselves emotionally, socially, and spiritually; and this selfishness has nourished the pain of the world rather than its hope. Open, loosen, and unbind us, O God. Enable our frozen hearts to love, our clenched hands to help, and our stifled spirits to breathe and pray, in the name of our Teacher and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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: Matthew 18:21-33

ANTHEM: *“Who At My Door Is Standing?” English Folk Song*
Words by Mary Slade, c. 1875
Arranged by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
Jim Brennan, tenor

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,
who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”
Within, the rooms are darken’d, all filled with dust and sin;
how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!”
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear
Lord, abide with me!

MORNING PRAYER CONGREGATION’S JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-RESPONSE

***HYMN:** *“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah” (verses 1-4)* NCH #2 black

SERMON: *“The Healing Power of Forgiveness”*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY SOLO: *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*
from “The Southern Harmony”, 1835
Jim Brennan, tenor

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this!
That Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on!
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on!

***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:** *“Help Us Accept Each Other”* *NCH #388 black*

*[The “Removal of the Flame”]

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *“Procession” (from Suite in Classic Style)*
Charles Callahan (b.1951)

The greeters and lay readers are The Terrill Family.

The Deacons are Jan Marshall and Sheila Kafer. Readers and Greeters are always needed, to volunteer speak 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.

After the service all are invited to join us outside for refreshments.

Welcome to all who are new to our worship. To join our mailing list fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@verizon.net, 978-526-7661 ext. 1.

Rev. Marlayna will be away this coming week in Canada on vacation (Monday, July 17 through Monday, July 24). There are two ordained UCC ministers “on call” in case of “major” emergencies (such as severe illness, death, or funeral.) Both Office Manager (Nancy Klebart) and Co-Chair of Diaconate (John Feuerbach) have that contact information. (And John Feuerbach’s phone number will be on the church answering machine if emergency calls come in after normal office hours.)

Mark your calendars and bring your friends! Sunday, July 23 “Folk Music Sunday” Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith is preaching; choir member Paul Knox is guest musician. (Pastor Marlayna & Don Dunn are away.)

If anyone would like to bring in a bouquet of flowers from their garden for the altar at FPCC this summer, please contact Penny at 978-526-7128 or via email: laphenpen@live.com. There is no need to make it large or fancy - just being fresh flowers from the garden is lovely for us all to see.



Tuesday 6:00 PM Tai Chi Class
7:00 PM CC Committee
Wednesday 10:00 AM COA Yoga
Thursday 10:00 AM Health Clinic
Friday 8:00 AM Yoga
Sunday 9:00 AM Worship