



**First Parish Church, Congregational**  
**On the Village Green**  
**Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 11, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Tuck's Point

**PRELUDE:** Charlotte and Richard Chane, pipers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved God, you have created the world around us so that we might discover anew your infinite love.

**People: The ocean dazzles us with your power and grace,**

Leader: Waves sound each pulse of your great heart,

**People: Grass tickles our feet and fills us with joy!**

Leader: For all this and so much more

**All: We offer you our thanks and praise. Amen**

**\*HYMN:** *“Be Now Our Vision”*

*Insert*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*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:** Psalm 126

**ANTHEM:** *“Psalm 118: Alleluia, This Is the Day”*

*Brad Croushorn (b. 1971)*

*Rebecca Shrimpton, soprano*

*Paul Knox, baritone*

*Russell Lane, percussion*

Alleluia.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let us sing alleluia.

The right hand of God is exalted; the right hand of God has struck with power.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and declare the works of God.

Let us sing alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Let us sing alleluia.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

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

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 2 Kings 2:1-18

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Anna Lynne Downing

**\*HYMN:** *"Bringing in the Sheaves"*

*Insert*

**SERMON:** *"The New Mantle that Falls to Him"*

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *"Keep God's Light"*

*Mark Patterson (b. 1969)*

*Russell Lane, percussion*

Keep God's light before you;  
Keep God's truth beside you;  
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere  
you go.

Keep God's peace within you;  
Feel God's strength defend you;  
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.

Hold on in times of sorrow;  
Hold on through days of despair;  
Even in the darkest valley God will always  
be there.

Look now to days of gladness;  
God's light still shines the way  
Never fading teaching us as we pray.

Hold on, hold on;  
God will show you the way.

## **\*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:** “*What a Covenant*”

*Insert*

Dan DeOreo, Moderator : Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our communities and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. This morning we lift up the ministry of Rev. John Hughes and we share this time of farewell with him.

## **RECOGNITION OF THE END**

On October 3, 1980 began his service as pastor of the First Parish Church.

Reverend John Hughes: I thank the First Parish Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 37 years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

Reverend John Hughes: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

## **VOWS OF RELEASE**

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart: Do you, the members and friends of First Parish Church, release Reverend John Hughes from the duties of pastor?

**People: We do, with the help of God.**

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart: Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

**People: We do, with the help of God.**

## **FAREWELL LITURGY**

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart: Do you, Reverend John Hughes, release the First Parish Church from turning to you and depending on you?

Reverend John Hughes: I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Reverend John Hughes: I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart: On behalf of the Massachusetts Association of the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE:** Charlotte and Richard Chane, pipers

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Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Anna Lynne Downing, born April 17, 2017. Anna is the daughter of Joseph and Crystal (Newman) and sister of Lillian Downing of West Roxbury, MA. Godparents are Jennifer Marie Downing and Shawn Steven Newman. Grandparents are Steve and Nancy Newman, Gloucester, MA, George and Donna Downing, Dedham, MA, and Dianne and Christopher Maracic, West Roxbury, MA.

The greeters are Rev. John and Marilyn Hughes.

Please welcome our Guest Liturgist this morning, Reverend Wendy Vander Hart. Wendy is an Associate Conference Minister in the MA Conference of the United Church of Christ whose mission is to “to make God’s love and justice real by nurturing vitality and covenant among our churches. Her focus is ministering to the ministry of the churches. She works with churches, pastors, search committees and the Committees on Ministry in the Northeast and Metropolitan Boston Associations. She comes to this work after having served two pastorates in 18 years at the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church and First Congregational Church in Reading and having served the Conference in many capacities. When weather permits she enjoys golf, gardening and riding her bike.

The Flowers on the Altar are:

In celebration of the Baptism of Anna Lynne Downing from her family.

A traditional Language of Flowers bouquet to celebrate Reverend Hughes 37 years to First Parish Church Congregational Manchester by the Sea, MA.

Blue Iris - symbolic of Faith, Hope, Wisdom and Valor

Rose Deep Pink - symbolic of Appreciation and Thank you for being in my life

Yellow Roses - symbolic of Friendship and New Beginnings

Blue Delphinium - symbolic of Goodwill towards others

Blue Hydrangea - symbolic of Heartfelt feelings for understanding, thanking him for understanding

White Lisianthus - symbolic of Respect, Love, Acceptance and Acknowledgement

The Deacons are Paul Gudonis and Jan Marshall.

Readers and Greeters are always needed, contact the the Deacons.

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING**  
**June 18, 2017**

TO: Active Members of the First Parish Church, Congregational, United Church of Christ, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts.

You are hereby notified to meet in the Church immediately following Worship Service on Sunday, June 18, 2017 for the following purposes:

To wit:

**ARTICLE I:** To accept the report of the Annual Meeting held on June 12, 2016.

**ARTICLE II:** To hear the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers, board and committee members of the Church.

**ARTICLE III:** To hear and act upon the reports of officers, boards, committees, and organizations connected with the church.

**ARTICLE IV:** To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Church Council that the regular Sunday Service from July 2 to September 3 inclusive, shall start at 9:00 a.m.

**ARTICLE V:** To hear and act upon any other business that may come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted;  
George A Nickless, Clerk

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**Monday**

7:00 PM BOT

7:30 PM Manchester Singers

**Tuesday**

6:00 PM Tai Chi Class

**Wednesday**

10:00 AM COA Yoga

6:00 PM Missions

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

10:00 AM Health Clinic

3:00 PM Seaside Knitters

**Friday**

8:00 AM Yoga

**Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship

Following worship Annual Meeting

