

First Parish Church, Congregational

On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 22, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Sarabande* from French Suite No. 3 for piano
by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Bonnie Anderson, guest musician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (adapted from *Touch Holiness*)

Pastor: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's mercy and justice.

Parish: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Pastor: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow the teachings of Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

Parish: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

***HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" PH #20 blue

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

(adapted from *Touch Holiness*)

Just and merciful God, you have called us to acknowledge our sins so that we can move past them. And so we come in confession for our lack of love. At times, we have loved neither ourselves nor our neighbors. At times, we have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. At times, we have held prejudices against people as deep as those against the Samaritans of Jesus' day. O God, heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us as we take the risks that are necessary to show compassion to one another. We pray in the name of Jesus...

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

MORNING PRAYER

Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer Silent Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” The lawyer said, “the one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

***HYMN:** *“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”* *NCH #531 black*

SERMON: *“Who Is my Neighbor?”*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Allegro moderato in C Major* for flute
by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Bonnie Anderson, guest musician

***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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN:** *“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”* NCH #539 black

*[The “Removal of the Flame”, which symbolizes the Spirit of God accompanying us out into the world]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Voluntary in C Major* for organ
by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Bonnie Anderson, guest musician

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After the service join us for hospitality.

The lay reader and greeters are members of the Terrill Family.

The Deacons are Barbara and Richard Smith.

Readers and greeters are always needed, to volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](#).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aca629a5f94-diaconate>

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.

Guest Musician Bonnie Anderson

Bonnie Anderson made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at age 14, first as flute soloist and several months later as piano soloist in the Grieg Piano Concerto. She has performed on both instruments in the United States, France, Germany and South America. A frequent soloist, she has appeared with the Boston Pops, Peoria Symphony, Bach Society Orchestra of Harvard University, Northern Illinois Philharmonic and the Bach Festival Orchestra. Ms. Anderson's honors include the Young Pianist Award at Tanglewood, top prizes at the Young Keyboard Artists Association International Competition and the San Antonio International Keyboard Competition, as well as competitor in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. As chamber pianist, she has performed in Alice Tully Hall, Jordan Hall, the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Shalin Liu Concert Hall in Rockport, MA and numerous universities around the country. She enjoys collaborating with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic and National Symphony Orchestra. She performed on the Nantucket Musical Arts Society Concert Series with Branford Marsalis and the Walden Chamber Players. Ms. Anderson recently released her debut solo recording, featuring piano music by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Ravel and Ned Rorem. Her recording of music for trumpet and piano with Joseph Foley will be released in 2014. She joined the piano faculty at Phillips Andover Academy in September 2012. She lives in Manchester-by-the-Sea with her husband and two daughters.

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@gmail.com, 978-526-7661 ext 1.



Cut flowers from your garden would be most welcome this summer for the church altar on Sunday mornings. The arrangement does not need to be large - just being fresh from the garden would be wonderful. Let [Penny](tel:978-526-7128) know, 978-526-7128.

FPCC CARE TEAM *Have you shared the experience?*

We support FPC families with meals, rides, & visits through times of illness and loss. Please contact Sue Pick (suepick1@me.com or 978-548-0145) if you would like to share your ideas, time, and talents with the FPC Care Team.



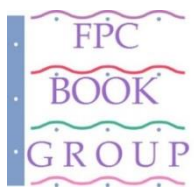
Vitality

MY STORY We each have unique journeys of faith. One way to deepen our understanding of them is to share our stories with each other.

Once per month, the Vitality Committee welcomes one of you to share your faith journey during Sunday service in brief 2 to 3 minute remarks. We hope you will consider sharing yours. A simple way to organize your thoughts is to answer these 3 questions:

1. What is your early faith history? (1 minute)
2. How did you come to First Parish Church? What is meaningful to you about your participation? (1 minute)
3. Can you share a specific moment of faith, an experience of divine intervention or God's or Jesus' presence in your life? (1 minute)

We are eager to hear your faith stories! Please talk with Mary Ellen Cook 978-526-7178 or Allison Moir-Smith 978-526-1904 to learn more.



BOOK GROUP We continue with a summer read “Leaving Before the Rain Comes” by Alexandra Fuller. *Looking to rebuild after a painful divorce, Alexandra Fuller turns to her African past for clues to living a life fully and without fear.*

A child of the Rhodesian wars and of two deeply complicated parents, Alexandra Fuller is no stranger to pain. But the disintegration of Fuller’s own marriage leaves her shattered. Looking to pick up the pieces of her life, she confronts tough questions about her past, about the American man she married, and about the family she left behind in Africa. Fuller soon realizes that what is missing from her life is something that was always there: the brash and uncompromising ways of her father. “Tim Fuller of No Fixed Abode”—familiar to readers from Alexandra Fuller’s New York Times–bestselling memoir Don’t

Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight—was a man who regretted nothing and wanted less, even after fighting harder and losing more than most men could bear. ^{Amazon}

Mary Ellen Cook will be hosting the next book group, **Monday, Sept. 24**, 6:30 pm at 23 Harold St. Manchester. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen at 978-526-7178 so she can plan accordingly. All are welcome!



Thank you
FOR PLEDGING
BEACH PARTY

STEWARDSHIP Thank you for pledging Beach Party! **Sunday, July 22 at 5 PM.** (Raindate July 29) Bonfire, simple supper, First Parish Fizzels, body surfing, sand castle contest, fellowship and fun. Bring a beach chair and a bathing suit. RSVP to Mary Ellen 978-526-7178.

VITALITY Festival by the Sea will be **Saturday, August 4th**. This is a great opportunity for our church to open its doors and welcome all to FPC both inside and out. We need volunteers for 2 hour blocks of time; 9-11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM, 1-3 PM, 3-5 PM. We will have people inside to greet visitors and chat and oversee sidewalk chalk art. Please see Allison or Mary Ellen to sign up. This is a lot of fun and an easy mission to our community of Manchester.



MISSIONS

Weekly Food Donations When you go to church Sunday mornings remember to take one item that can be donated to Open Door through the food basket placed in the Narthex. It is easy to forget, but you can think ahead and bring one food item that will be much appreciated by folks who really need our help.

Because we are informed, the Green Church on the Green is

ENERGY AWARE supporting solar/wind power
turning off AC air-drying laundry using LED light bulbs

Upcoming events can be found on our website (www.firstparishchurch.org) under “News” and “Calendar” and on our [Facebook page \(First Parish Manchester-by-the-Sea\)](#) under “Events”

THIS WEEK:

Monday

4:00 PM Woodland Faerie Viewing

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

Friday

10:00 AM Brown Bag Lunches

Sunday

9:00 AM Worship



Anyone and everyone who worked on the Woodland Faeries - or wished they had - is invited to a Woodland Faerie Viewing and Tea at Richard and Barbara Smith's house, 13 Washington Street, Manchester on Monday, July 23rd from 4 to 5pm. Your handiwork - the sweetest faeries - will all be gathered for viewing and admiring! Tea and light refreshments will be served.