

# **First Parish Church, Congregational**

**On the Village Green**

**Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

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## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *“Aria” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

**All: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

One: Whoever does not love does not know God,

**All: for God is love.**

One: God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

**All: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son for us.**

One: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**All: If we love one another, God lives in us, and the love of God is perfected in us.**

**\*HYMN:** *“O How Glorious, Full of Wonder”* *NCH #558 black*

### PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

God of all time - God in our time - God beyond time-

We have found You in the stories of our past, that shine like a lamp unto our feet. We have known You in the present loves and labors of our lives. We believe that we will see You in the coming of Your Reign within us, the fulfillment of Your promise among us. Humbly we ask forgiveness for our failures to learn the lessons of the past we have ignored or forgotten; for our failures to see You in the present hunger and thirst of our sisters and brothers; for our failures of belief in the hope that You continually spread across our future.

Guide us in the times of our lives - to the fulfillment of time, when our wills are in harmony with Your will, when our lips sing Your praise in the true love of every brother and sister, when our feet follow in

the path of You Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
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

## **MORNING PRAYER**

**Joys and Concerns      Pastoral Prayer      Silent Prayer**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**    Genesis 32-33 (selected verses)

**SOLO:**    *“Lord of Eternity” by Fernando Ortega*  
                 Jim Brennan, tenor

**\*HYMN:**    *“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”*      *PH #397 blue*

**SERMON:**    *“Finding a Voice”*

## **MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY SOLO:**    *“Jesus, King of Angels” by Fernando Ortega*  
                 Jim Brennan, tenor

## **\*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:**    *“We Would Be Building”*      *NCH #607 black*

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

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:**    *“Postlude in F Major”*  
Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

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Please welcome our Guest Minister today Rick Spalding. Rick served as Chaplain at Williams College, in Williamstown, MA for nearly 18 years until his retirement this year. He now lives in Ipswich. An ordained Presbyterian pastor (a member of Boston Presbytery in the PCUSA), Rick has served congregations in Albany, New York, in New York City, and in Boston.

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

The greeter and lay reader is Bethany Woods.

The Deacons are Richard and Barbara 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.

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](mailto: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](#) 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](mailto:suepick1@me.com) or 978-548-0145) if you would like to share your ideas, time, and talents with the FPC Care Team.

On **July 15**, our guest minister will be Rev. Rona Tyndall. Rev. Rona is currently on staff at the Grace Center in Gloucester, a day resource center for people who are in crisis, homeless, or struggling in difficult situations. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Rona has served congregations in Danville, VT and Rockport, MA.

Rev. Marlayna is away from July 2nd through July 16th. In a pastoral emergency, please call the church office (978-526-7661), and the office manager (or the voicemail at Rev. Marlayna's extension) will direct you how to proceed.



*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)

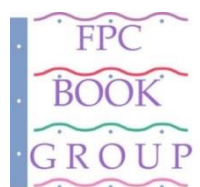
We are eager to hear your faith stories! Please talk with Mary Ellen Cook 978-526-7178 or Allison Moir-Smith 978-526-1904 to learn more.

## **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

**SUMMER COMMUNION** The diaconate is pleased to announce that starting today and again on August 5th, communion will be offered during the summer and will be taken by intinction, an ancient method of communion. Reverend Dr. Marlayna will introduce the sacrament and when she says, "Come, for all things are ready," all are invited to process to the front of the church. There will be two communion stations. One will have gluten-free bread; one regular bread. You may go to either station. First, break off a piece of bread from the loaf or take a precut piece; a deacon or pastor will say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Next, dip your bread in the chalice; it is grape juice; a deacon or pastor will say, "This is the blood of Christ" or "This is the cup of blessing." You may remain silent or say, "Amen." The blessing may change each time we partake of communion by intinction. Both elements are then consumed together prior to returning to your pew. In order to serve those for whom walking is a challenge, servers are glad to come to you in the pew; please let a deacon or the person sitting next to you know if you would like a server to come to you. Please feel free to make comments about your communion experience to the pastor or any deacon."



**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. <sup>Amazon</sup>

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! **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.



Festival by the Sea will be **Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Upcoming this week

**Monday**

7:00 PM BOT

**Wednesday**

10:00 AM COA Yoga

**Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship