



First Parish Church, Congregational

On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 27, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Draw Us to You”*
Hymn-tune “Ach Gott und Herr” 1655
Setting by Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place as we are -
troubled and assured, grateful and fretful, brave and afraid,
partially whole, partially broken, yet open and hopeful.

People: **We come to this place as we are –
grateful for God’s promise to accept us,
caring for our cares and rejoicing in our joys.**

Leader: We come as we are
wanting to be made new by our resurrected Lord,
celebrating God’s Easter gift of eternal life.

People: **We come as we are
trusting that Christ Jesus will be among us
rekindling our faith and igniting us to passionate
discipleship.**

***HYMN:** *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”* *NCH #230*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are made glad with the news that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears are calmed in the clarifying light of the Resurrection news, and so we praise you. May we abide forever in the assurance of your love and be always faithful to the one whose

Way we follow, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

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: I Peter 1:3-9

ANTHEM: *“Easter Anthem”*
William Billings (1746-1800)

Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first fruits of them that slept.
Hallelujah! And did He rise?
Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!
He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumphed over the grave.
Then I rose, Then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal
ports of light, and seized Eternal Youth.
Man all immortal hail. Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man.
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

***HYMN:** *“Morning Has Broken”* *PH #38*

SERMON: *“Something to Hold Onto”* Rev. Ann G. Abernethy

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“Christ, be Thine the glory!”*
From the St. Matthew Passion (1666)
Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Christ, be Thine the glory! Thou in deepest woe on the Cross didst suffer,
For us this bitter death, and reignest with the Father in eternity.
Help us fainting sinners to our Heavenly rest.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. (Lord have mercy, Christ have Mercy.)

*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:** *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* *NCH #240*

*[The “Removal of the Flame”]

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”
Based on “St. Magnus” by Jeremiah Clarke
Setting by Charles Callahan (b.1951)

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The greeters and lay readers TBA.
The Deacons are Dan DeOreo and Christiane Alsop.
The Sexton is Rachael Gallagher.

After the service join us in the front of the church for hospitality.
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.



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Spring Dinner All women are invited to our next event on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30 in the chapel. For details see Marilyn Hughes or Mary Ellen Cook. This is a potluck, and Mary Ellen is coordinating the contributions. Save the date

and join us!

ATTENDANCE Easter Sunday 198

THE CARE TEAM MINISTRY, Have you shared the experience?

We support FPC families with meals, rides, & visits through times of illness and loss. If you would like to become involved with this wonderful team contact;

Sheila Kafer 978-525-3253, smkafer@comcast.net

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YOUTH

Only three more Confirmation Class meetings left! The Confirmation Class will meet today and May 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, May 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. for our final Wrap Up Party.

Paint your own pottery on May 2! All youth, grades 6 - 12, are invited for a fun night out. We'll be painting pottery at Clay Dreaming in Beverly, MA this Friday. Meet at the Chapel at 6:15 p.m., and register ASAP for an accurate headcount.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Please call Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128, by Monday to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.



KITES @ THE BEACH!

Sunday May 4th, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

A kite flying picnic!
Come with your favorite kite(s) to fly and enjoy a light supper (& s'mores!) around the fire with friends at First Parish.

Bring: beach chairs, kites and friends!

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 1st (so we know how much food to have available).

Look for your Evite or RSVP to 978-526-7661



Save the date!

MISSIONS

Through inspiration from Rev. Fungaye Mutsumbei the Missions Committee will be launching a church wide drive in May to collect and purchase goods to be shipped to Zimbabwe in a container. The Zimbabwe Container Project is spearheaded by the First Congregational Church in Wakefield, New Hampshire. Many U.C.C. churches in New England pitch in to fill the container with donations from their respective churches. More information will be in the May Bell.



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

8:00 AM Exercise
7:30 PM Manchester Singers

Tuesday

9:30 AM COA Zumba
6:30 PM Woman’s Fellowship

Wednesday

8:00 AM Exercise
10:00 AM COA Yoga
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Health Clinic
6:30 PM Diaconate
7:30 PM Growing Together

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study

Saturday

10:00 AM Collation Bob Jermain

Sunday

9:00 AM Bibles and Bagels
10:00 AM
Worship, Communion
Nursery, Sunday School
Solace Youth Group
11:30 AM Confirmation
3:30 PM Beach Picnic