



**First Parish Church, Congregational**  
**On the Village Green**

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

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Sunday, February 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *“Andante Cantabile” from Symphony No. 4*  
*Charles M. Wider (1844-1937)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*[Please stand for the lighting of the candles]

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us to be transformed out of this life to new life.

**We offer ourselves to  
God’s transformative power.**

God knows who we are created to be.

**We trust God’s grace and power  
to guide us to what we should be.**

**\*HYMN:** *“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”* NCH #183 (1, 3, 5)

**APOSTLES CREED:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-12

**ANTHEM:** “*There Is A Balm In Gilead*”  
*William Levi Dawson (1899-1990)*

*There is a balm in Gilead,  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead,  
To heal the sin-sick soul.*

Some times I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say “He died for all.”

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Merciful God, we have been wrong;  
we have strayed from your paths like lost sheep.

**We have followed too often our own ways  
and have not followed yours.**

We have not done things we should have;  
we have done things we should not have done.

**So, Dear God, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us when we confess.  
Restore us, so that, the words of our mouths  
and the reflections of our hearts  
may be acceptable to you,  
O Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Mark 9:2-9

**\*HYMN:** *“Be Now My Vision”* NCH #451 (1&3)

**SERMON:** *“Hard Pressed Yet Not Crushed”*

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *“Dona nobis pacem” (Give us peace)  
Setting by John A. Behnke (b. 1953)*

**\*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:** *“For All the Saints”* NCH #299 (1-3)

\*[The “Removal of the Flame”]

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Postlude on “Nun Danket Alle Gott”  
Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)*

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The greeter and lay reader is Sally Curry.

The flowers are given in loving memory of our mother, mother-in-law and Oma, Hannelore (Lollo) Kraft by Christiane, Joseph and Ian Alsop.

The Deacons are Lynda Griffiths and Janet Groth.

The Sexton is Tyler Duda.

*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](mailto:office.fpchurch@verizon.net), 978-526-7661 ext 1.

**ATTENDANCE** Church 45, Sunday school 30, Youth 10



### **SPRING FLING!**

Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 in the Chapel, we will have a potluck dinner. Think of your favorite dish to share and bring a friend. Talk to Marilyn Hughes or Mary Ellen Cook with any questions. Hope to see everyone there!

### **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](mailto:smkafer@comcast.net)

Janet Groth at 978-526-8408, [janbythesea244@gmail.com](mailto:janbythesea244@gmail.com)

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** Please call [Penny Lapham](mailto:Penny Lapham) at 978-526-7128, by Monday to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

**Friday afternoon 4:00 PM** in the  
Conference Room of the Chapel  
led by Rev. John Hughes



*Amen!*

First Parish Church Congregational invites you to a three part series on **“THE ART OF PRAYER”**. There are many types of prayer in the Christian tradition, including intercession (praying for others), petition (asking God for something), thanksgiving (giving thanks to God), and penitential prayer (expressing sorrow for your sins). Another type is meditation, which has been described as simply "listening to God." Most Christians throughout history have probably prayed using a mix of types and styles.

Please join us in the conference room from 5:30 – 6:15 on the following dates. *Immediately following the program head to the church for the “Hour of Tranquility” for reflection and prayer.*

**Tuesday, Feb. 24 6:30-7:15** *“The Power of Prayer”* - a discussion on the impact of prayer - what happens when we tell someone we are praying for them? Are your prayers powerful – how do we know?



At the sign of the rose, we're happy to announce that our new season of *Vespers* quiet time for prayerful meditation and peace, wonderful reflections from the Reverend John Hughes, candle-lighting at the altar, and perfect music, resumes in March. All are welcome. The Sanctuary opens at 6:30 for meditation & prayer; our service is from 7 – 7:30 PM, followed by ten minutes of music.

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

**Wednesday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – Vespers: “who may ascend?” psalm 24**

**Wednesday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – Vespers: “lives ebbed away” psalm 107**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tenebrae of Lights**

On Wednesday evenings when Vespers are not held join us for

**An Hour of Tranquility**

Each Wednesday Evening

in our sanctuary 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

We open our candlelit sanctuary for anyone seeking a place of tranquility to enjoy peaceful music and private meditation. All faiths are welcome to join in this space.



*Hour of Tranquility*

## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Monday**

Office Closed

8:00 AM Exercise

7:30 PM Manchester Singers

7:00 PM BOT

### **Tuesday**

10:00 AM COA Zumba

11:30 PM Manchester Woman's Club

7:00 PM EC Committee

### **Wednesday**

8:00 AM Exercise

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM COA Yoga

7:00 PM Ash Weds Service

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday**

10:00 AM Health Clinic

3:00 PM Seaside Parish Knitters

### **Friday**

8:00 AM Yoga

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study

YG to Celtic's Game