

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

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *“Lacquiparle/Lac Qui Parle”*
Native American (Dakota) melody
Setting by Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek wisdom so that you may live.

Where shall we find the wisdom we need?

Only in God, our Creator, do we find true wisdom.

***HYMN:** *“O How I Love Jesus”* *NCH #52*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. 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: 1 Kings 3:3-14

SOLO: *“Who At My Door Is Standing?”*
Text: Mary Slade, c. 1875
Music: English Folk Song
Arranged by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,
who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."
Within, the rooms are darken'd, all filled with dust and sin;
how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!"
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear
Lord, abide with me!

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

Gracious God, you alone have the power
to change our lives.

**Change our hearts, dear Lord,
make them new realities.**

You have the power to overcome
what we are powerless to change.

**May your Spirit be at work in our lives ...
may our lives be our offering
of thanksgiving in response.**

Make us well ... make us whole... make us yours.

Let our lives be a true reflection of your purpose. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER-RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

***HYMN:** *"Hope of the World"*

PH #398

SERMON: *"What Do You Want?"*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

SOLO: *“He that is down need fear no fall” (The Woodcutter’s Song)*
Text: John Bunyan (1628-1688)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Jim Brennan, tenor

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

Fulness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
is best from age to age.

***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:** *“God Be with You”*

NCH #81

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *“Paeon” Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

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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.

The greeters and lay readers are John and Marianne Round.

The sexton is Nathan Duda.

The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Ralph Smith.

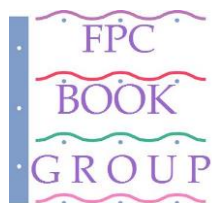
After the service join us in the front of the church for hospitality.

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.

ATTENDANCE Church 34

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR 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. Please call Penny Lapham (978-526-7128) or email (laphenpen@live.com) to sign up.

MY STORY-The "My Story" segment of the service will continue in the fall. Thank you to the 28 participants since October! We have enjoyed your stories. If you have not shared yet, hope to hear you in the fall...



For the summer months, our book selection is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay. The book group will meet again on Monday September 14, 7 PM.



Christmas Fair by the Sea, November 14
Save the date of **Thursday, September 10** for a meeting of the minds about the Fair! In the meantime, everyone knows the drill, knit, craft, bake... and if you are canning save some for the fair.

Important Fair Note: You can bring items for the White Elephant Rooms, Book Room, Jewelry, New Items Table... to the Chapel building at 1 Chapel Lane between 9 and noon weekdays.

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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We are looking for a couple of volunteers for occasional help in the First Parish Church Office. Call Nancy at 978-526-7661 ext. 1 or send an email to office.fpchurch@verizon.net.



First Parish Church is still looking for a creative, energetic person to lead programs for middle and high school students. We desire a strong community among our youth where they can build faith through inspiration and encouragement.

Candidates should:

- Relate to, value and support youth of today.
- Have experience running educational, spiritually rewarding, and engaging programs for youth.
- Be comfortable within a religious organization.
- Have strong communication, and organization skills.

Begins August/September. Read the [full job description](#) on our website. Resumes can be submitted to office.fpchurch@verizon.net or mailed to First Parish Church Congregational P.O. Box 187, Manchester, MA, 01944

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

7 PM BOT

Tuesday

7PM Executive Committee

Wednesday

10 AM COA Yoga

Thursday

10 AM Health Clinic

Friday

8 AM Yoga

Sunday

9 AM Worship



Join the Seaside Parish Knitter we meet alternating Thursday afternoons in the Conference Room of the Chapel. 3-5 PM, August 27

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 this fall.



Mark your calendar:

Weds. Sept. 23 – Vespers: “let evil recoil” psalm 54
Weds., Oct. 7 – Vespers: “nothing hidden” psalm 19
Weds., Nov. 4 – Vespers: “blessed is...” psalm 146
Weds., Nov. 18 – Vespers: “I take refuge” psalm 16
Weds., Dec. 2 – Vespers: “do not remember my sins” psalm 25