

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

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Sonata in D Major, K. 576, II. Adagio for piano by W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)*
Bonnie Anderson, Guest Pianist/Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP by George Reed

Leader: There are those who do not take refuge in God.

People: They trust in abundant riches, and seek refuge in wealth!

Leader: We are like a green olive tree in the house of God.

People: We trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Leader: We will thank you, O God, forever, because of what you have done.

People: In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim your name, for it is good.

***HYMN:** *“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”* NCH # 18

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***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: Luke 10:38-42

MORNING PRAYER

CONGREGATION'S JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER-PASTORAL PRAYER- RESPONSE

***HYMN:** *“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”* NCH #417

SERMON: *“Come Away From Rush and Hurry”*
Rev. Donna Spencer Collins

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY: *Sonata in C Major, IV. Menuet for flute*
by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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:** *“Seek Ye First”*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things, shall be added onto
you,
Alleu, alleuia
Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Alleu, Alleuia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened onto
you.
Alleu, Alleuia
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things, shall be added unto you.
Alleu, Alleuia

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Chorale Prelude in G minor for organ*
by J.G. Walther (1684-1748)
Bonnie Anderson, Guest Pianist/Organist

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The greeter and lay reader is Doris Milne.

The Flowers are given by Doris Milne in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Christie, of Amherst, NY, mother of Betsy Milne. Elizabeth loved visiting our church for Betsy and Scott's wedding and her grandsons Andrew and Christopher's Baptisms and Confirmation. She will be missed.

The Deacons are Wendy Smith and Ralph Smith.

The Sexton is David Reid.

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.

Please welcome our Guest Minister this morning Rev. Donna Spencer Collins.



What does the Phoenix Rising logo symbolize? In the collective memory of the people of Haverhill is the “great conflagration” in February 1882. The fire destroyed large shoe factories and other businesses which were the heart of the cities livelihood rich and poor. Undaunted the people of Haverhill rallied and the area was redeveloped and named it phoenix row.

The First Congregational Church, New Church Start Steering Committee, resonated with this story. The old church building had been sold and the congregation scattered, leaving a small remnant to reimagine “A New Church for a New Haverhill”. In one of the meetings while kicking around different ideas for a new name, Rev. Wendy Vanderhart had an “Aha” moment and reminded everyone of the hymn “In the Midst of New Dimensions” and the line of the song that reads, “May your blazing Phoenix Spirit resurrect the Church Again...” In that moment it was agreed by all the new name of the church would be called Phoenix Rising United Church of Christ.

Donna Spencer Collins was asked to design the logo. It is both a hand lifted in praise and an image of the Phoenix Rising Spirit of resurrection. First Congregational Church Haverhill embarked on a unique search and call process in 2009 seeking a person with new

church start experience, someone dedicated to the United Church of Christ and all for which it stands. Reverend Donna Spencer Collins was called in May 2014. To learn more about Phoenix Rising UCC you can go to the website. www.phoenixrisingucc.org

Please welcome our Guest Pianist/Organist this morning 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.

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

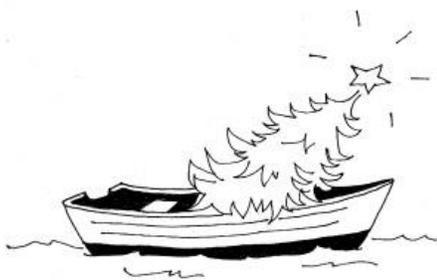
Welcome to all who are new to our worship. To join our mailing list fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@verizon.net , 978-526-7661 ext 1.

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

Janet Groth at 978-526-8408, janbythesea244@gmail.com



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



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 \(First Parish Manchester-by-the-Sea\)](#)

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday

10:00 AM COA Yoga

Thursday

3:00 PM Seaside Knitters

Friday

8:00 AM Yoga

Sunday

9:00 AM Worship

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