

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

*Awaken to the Light and Love of God;
Be a Joyful Beacon to the World*

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea, Minister
Dr. Herman Weiss, Director of Music and Organist

Blessing

Closing Song *“Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)”*
Zulu Song, arr. Rao

- We welcome Rev. Lelly Smith, as our guest worship leader and Norman Fox, as our guest soloist this morning.
- **Next Sunday, November 14**, the Board of Outreach and Service will sponsor a special **“Outreach and Service Sunday”**.

Representatives of four of the service efforts First Parish supports will be on hand to give brief presentations on what they do and how our support has helped make their efforts possible. These presentations, interspersed throughout our Worship time, will take the place of that morning’s Message.

- Please note that, after discussion with the Stewardship Community, **“Pledge Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 21 rather than Sunday, November 14 as originally scheduled.** As this is already our **“Thanksgiving Sunday”** celebration, we felt it was deeply appropriate and faithful to celebrate Pledge Sunday – a day when we offer our financial promises to God and each other as an expression of gratitude for all our blessings – on that same day. Also in that line of thought, after discussion with the Deacons, we will also share in our November Sacrament of Communion that same Sunday.
- Spiritual Growth and Exploration

Thursday Bible Study will meet this Thursday, November 11 at 4pm via Zoom:

Our second November **Prayer and Meditation** session will take place on Wednesday, November 17, at 7pm via Zoom.

Our current **Spiritual Exploration Unit** continues this Tuesday!

“Shepherd, Soldier, Sinner, Sovereign: The Life of David”

Tuesday: November 9 (and 16 if needed) 7:00-8:15pm via Zoom

Few figures from the Bible have been larger than David. His epic rise from shepherd boy, to mighty warrior, to beloved and beleaguered king, as well as his tragic flaws, make him one of the Bible's most compelling characters.

Throughout this unit, we are looking at some of the major episodes from David's story arc, reflecting on the questions and timeless spiritual insights they raise for us in areas such as our relationships with God and others, the use of power, and personal ambition.

You will continue to receive details on times and how to participate in all our offerings from the Church Office either on the day of or day before each gathering.

- "Deacon Fund" Support and Assistance – the "Deacon Fund" remains a vital means of assistance to FPC members in need, especially in this difficult and uncertain time. Contributions can be made "First Parish Church" with "Deacon Fund" in the memo section, and mailed to First Parish Church P.O. Box 187 Manchester, MA 01944. In addition, if a member of our spiritual community is in need, please contact Rev. Mark to discuss available support.

- **Sunday Morning Gathering Procedures:**

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea instituted an indoor mask policy effective September 1. Until such time as that is lifted:

- **Attendees are expected to wear masks and distance if possible.**
- **Worship Leaders will not need to be masked.**
- **The congregation may participate in hymn singing and the Opening Prayer.**
- In addition, we will continue with the following:
 - Contact info for attendees will still be taken in the event contact tracing becomes necessary.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex should you wish to use it.

- There will continue to be no formal Offering for now, but attendees are invited to place any offering they wish as they leave Worship in a plate which will be placed at the back of the Sanctuary.
- At the same time, remember that **“Virtual Worship” is also here to stay** so that we can continue to be one in Worship wherever you may be on any Sunday.
- You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge @ [PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.firstparishchurchmanchester.org)
- Click to read [The Church Bell Newsletter](#) of First Parish Church Congregational.
- Manchester Affordable Housing Trust Announces Emergency Rental Housing Payment Assistance - The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), in collaboration with Action, Inc., a Gloucester-based human and social services agency, is offering short-term rental housing payment assistance to income eligible Manchester residents in response to job and income loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consistent with its mission to support and promote community affordable housing, the MAHT is reaching out to income eligible residents who are experiencing housing rent payment issues. The MAHT can and wants to help during this difficult and uncertain time. For further information please contact Action, Inc. at 978-282-1000 or live chat at www.actioninc.org

- The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door and Grace Center. Bring items to the Chapel or Church. There is a box outside by the Church Office at the Chapel:

Baking Mixes - Cake, Brownie, Cookie, Muffin, Pancake
 Peanut Butter
 Canned Tuna, Chicken, and Turkey
 Healthy Snack Items
 100% Juice/Juice Boxes
 Breakfast Cereal
 Hearty Soups
 Canned Vegetables and Fruits
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Macaroni and Cheese, Rice, Noodles, Pasta

Gift Cards from local grocery markets so they can purchase butter, cream and other perishables.

- **Book group is open to everyone!** Consider joining us. It is open to anyone, and we are now meeting again in person on the last Monday of the month.

We will next meet on November 29 at Meredith Tuft's home to discuss "The Orphan Collector" by Ellen Marie Wiseman.

In the fall of 1918, thirteen-year-old German immigrant Pia Lange longs to be far from Philadelphia's overcrowded slums and the anti-immigrant sentiment that compelled her father to enlist in the U.S. Army. But as her city celebrates the end of war, an even more urgent threat arrives: the Spanish flu.

Funeral crepe and quarantine signs appear on doors as victims drop dead in the streets and desperate survivors wear white masks to ward off illness. When food runs out in the cramped tenement she calls home, Pia must venture alone into the quarantined city in search of supplies, leaving her baby brothers behind. Goodreads

Looking ahead to December the book discussed will be "Mr. Dickens and His Carol" by Samantha Silva along with a potluck dinner and a Yankee Swap of a used book. We will meet on December 13 at 6:30 PM, location TBA.

This is a time for church members as well as non-church friends to come together and engage with one another, build relationships, and share in a discussion of books that are of interest to people of various backgrounds. We have fun visiting, conversing about the book and sharing stories and would love to have you join us!

Questions? Please call Mary Ellen Cook 978-500-0018.

Psalm 107, The Geneva Bible, 1599 translation by Henry Ainsworth

1. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

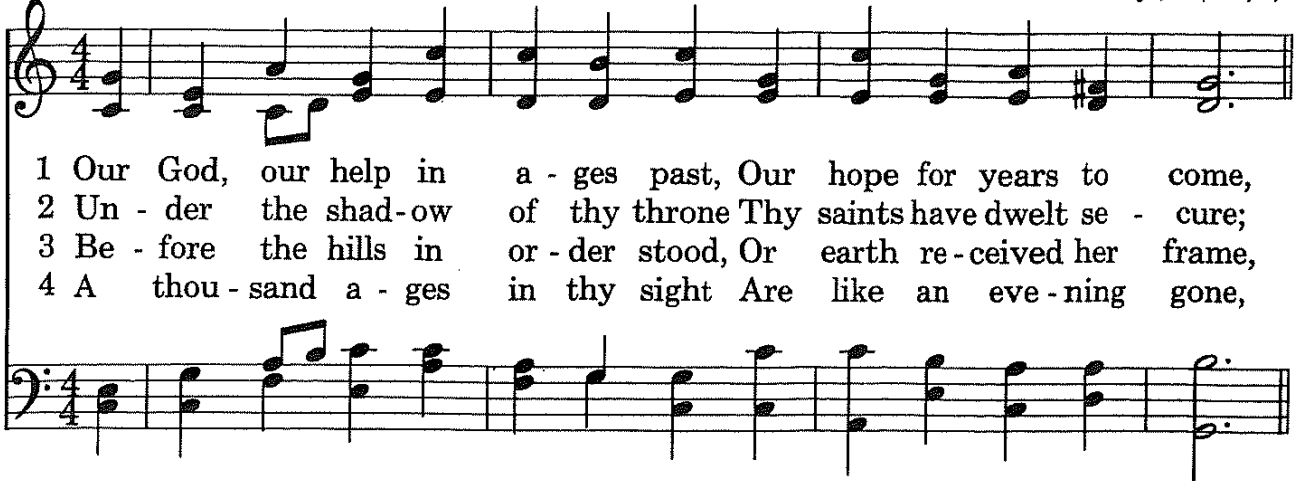
3. And gathered them out of the lands from the east,
and from the west, from the north and from the south.
4. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way;
they found no city to dwell in.
5. Hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted in them.
6. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them out of their distresses.
7. And he led them forth by the right way,
that they might go to a city of habitation.
8. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness
and for his wonderful works to the children of men.
9. For he satisfies the longing soul,
and fillets the hungry soul with goodness.
10. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
being bound in affliction and iron;
11. Because they rebelled against the words of God,
and condemned the counsel of the most High;
12. Therefore he brought down their heart with labour;
they fell down, and there was none to help.
13. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them out of their distresses.
14. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and brake their bonds in sunder.
15. Oh that man would praise the LORD for his goodness,
and for his wonderful words to the children of men.
16. For he hath broken the gates of brass,
and cut the bars of iron in sunder.
17. Fools because of their transgressions and because of their iniquities
are afflicted.
18. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
and they draw near unto the gates of death.
19. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he saveth them out of their distresses.
20. He sent his word, and healed them,
and delivered them from their destructions.
21. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and declare his works with rejoicing.
23. They that go down to the sea in ships,
that do business in great waters;

24. These see the works of the LORD,
and his wonders in the deep.
25. For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind,
which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths,
their soul is melted because of trouble.
27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
and are at their wits' end.
28. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
30. He maketh the storm a calm,
so that the waves thereof are still.
31. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men.
32. Let them exult him also in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
33. He turned rivers into a wilderness,
and the water springs into dry ground.
34. A fruitful land into barrenness
for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35. He turned the wilderness into a standing water,
and dry ground into water springs.
36. And there he taketh the hungry to dwell,
that they may prepare a city for habitation.
37. And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
which may yield fruits of increase.
38. He blessed them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
and suffers not their cattle to decrease.
39. Again, they are minished and brought low
through oppression, affliction and sorrow.
40. He poured contempt upon princes,
and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.
41. Yet sitteth he the poor on high from affliction,
and maketh him families like a flock.
42. The righteous shall see it, and rejoice;
and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD

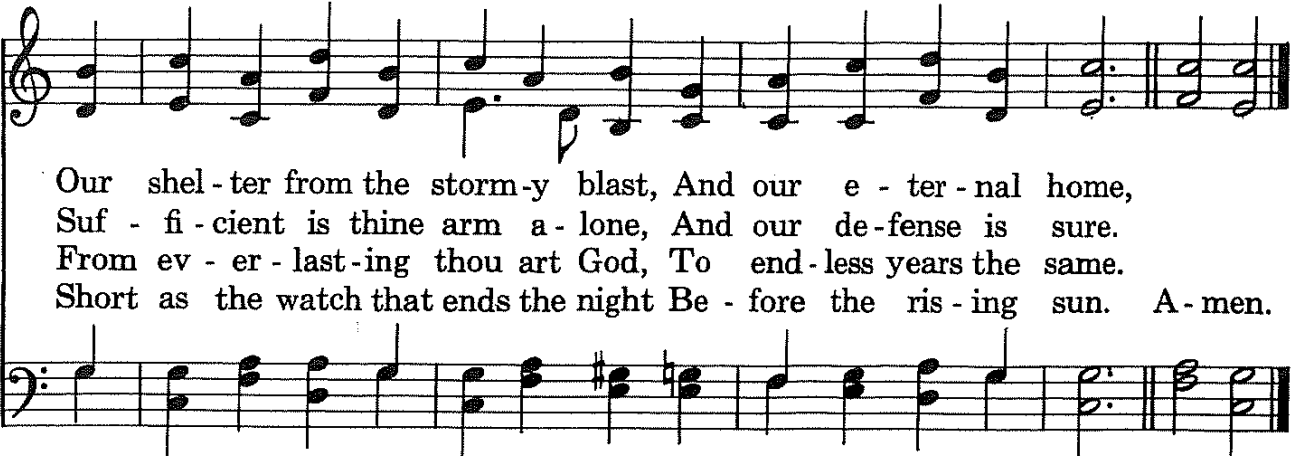
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Based on Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. A - men.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

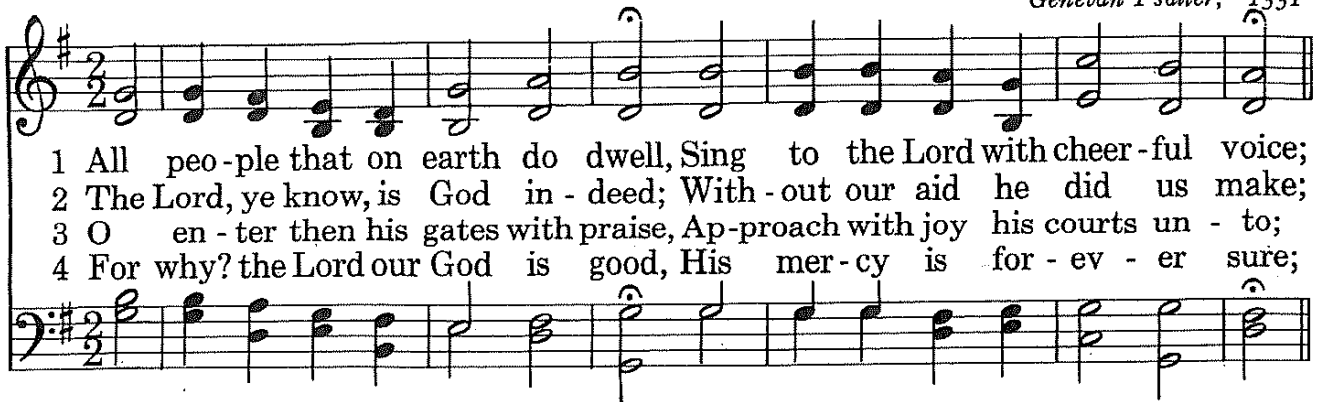
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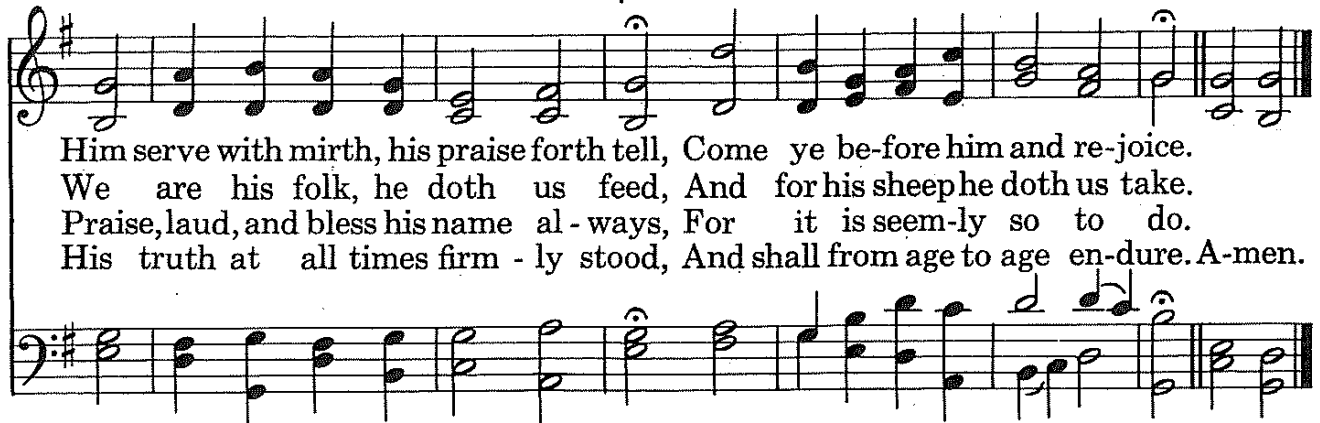
All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Based on Psalm 100
William Kethe, d. 1608?, alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. (altered rhythm)
Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-c.1561
"Genevan Psalter," 1551



1 All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice;
2 The Lord, ye know, is God in-deed; With-out our aid he did us make;
3 O en-ter then his gates with praise, Ap-proach with joy his courts un-to;
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer-cy is for-ev-er sure;



Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, Come ye be-fore him and re-joice.
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
Praise, laud, and bless his name al-ways, For it is seem-ly so to do.
His truth at all times firm-ly stood, And shall from age to age en-dure. A-men.

Another harmonization may be found at No. 11