

**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

First Parish Church, Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
Worship Celebration  
Sunday, January 16, 2022  
10:00 am

Prelude                      *“Morning” (from “Peer Gynt”)*                      Grieg

Welcome

Opening Hymn              *“O Day of God, Draw Near”*

Opening Prayer (together)      (adapted, Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

God, we thank you for the life, lessons and leadership of Jesus.

In response, may we love You with all our hearts, souls and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves - even the neighbors we see as opponents or enemies. And we ask you, Lord, in these days of tension, when the problems of the world and our nation are gigantic in scope and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and in our coming in; in our rising up and in our lying down; in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow.

We ask You to be with us until the day of your ways dawns.

We pray all this with the words and in the name of the One who has come - Jesus – the One You sent to lead us to that day, saying together...

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.



## The Gospels

## Luke 2:41-52

(New International Version Bible Translation)

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

<sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.

<sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

<sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

## Message

Choir Anthem                      *“A Repeating Alleluia”*                      Hampton

Closing Hymn                      *“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”*  
(printed in bulletin)

## Blessing

Closing Song                      *“God Bless You and Keep You”*                      Althouse

God bless you and keep you wherever you may go; His love be a constant companion. God lead you and guide you and be at your side. God bless you and keep you forever.

## Sunday Morning Gathering Protocol:

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea reinstated an indoor mask policy effective 1. In that regard, for the time being:

- 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, the Opening Prayer, and the offering of prayer intentions.
- In addition, we will continue with the following:
  - Contact info for attendees will still be taken in the event contact tracing becomes necessary.



- 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. We are now meeting again in person on the last Monday of the month. Next meeting **January 31, 6:30 PM**. Location to be announced later. Questions can be directed to Mary Ellen Cook at 978-500-0018.

In January the book discussed will be “Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty” by Samantha Silva. The Manchester Library has copies but the book is very popular so Book Group members may want to put in a hold for it.

*When eleven-year-old Cornelius Vanderbilt began to work on his father's small boat ferrying supplies in New York Harbor at the beginning of the nineteenth century, no one could have imagined that one day he would, through ruthlessness, cunning, and a pathological desire for money, build two empires—one in shipping and another in railroads—that would make him the richest man in America.*

*His staggering fortune was fought over by his heirs after his death in 1877, sowing familial discord that would never fully heal.*

*Though his son Billy doubled the money left by “the Commodore,” subsequent generations competed to find new and ever more extraordinary ways of spending it.*

*By 2018, when the last Vanderbilt was forced out of The Breakers—the seventy-room summer estate in Newport, Rhode Island, that Cornelius's grandson and namesake had built—the family would have been unrecognizable to the tycoon who started it all.*

*Now, the Commodore's great-great-great-grandson Anderson Cooper, joins with historian Katherine Howe to explore the story of his legendary family and their outsized influence. Cooper and Howe breathe life into the ancestors who built the family's empire, basked in the Commodore's wealth, hosted lavish galas, and became synonymous with unfettered American capitalism and high society.*

*Moving from the hardscrabble wharves of old Manhattan to the lavish drawing rooms of Gilded Age Fifth Avenue, from the ornate summer palaces of Newport to the courts of Europe, and all the way to modern-day New York, Cooper and Howe wryly recount the triumphs and tragedies of an American dynasty unlike any other.*



*Written with a unique insider's viewpoint, this is a rollicking, quintessentially American history as remarkable as the family it so vividly captures.*

- **From the Open Door and the Service and Outreach Committee–**

Hi friends,

Happy New Year! Thanks to your dedication, we are already off to a strong start this year with plenty of volunteers stepping up to feed our community. We still have a few openings on Friday that we'd love to see filled in! Consider registering for the following:

Fulfillment Center, 11-1pm

Fulfillment Center, 1-3pm

Pick-Up Assistant, 3-5pm

No Contact Deliveries, 3-5pm

There will also be another SORTING EXTRAVAGANZA on Friday, 10-12pm. We're looking for 6-8 volunteers to help us sort donations from our generous community. This opportunity is available to all fully vaccinated volunteers (full onboarding not required).

Visit VolunteerHub to claim your spot now:

<http://foodpantry.volunteerhub.com/>

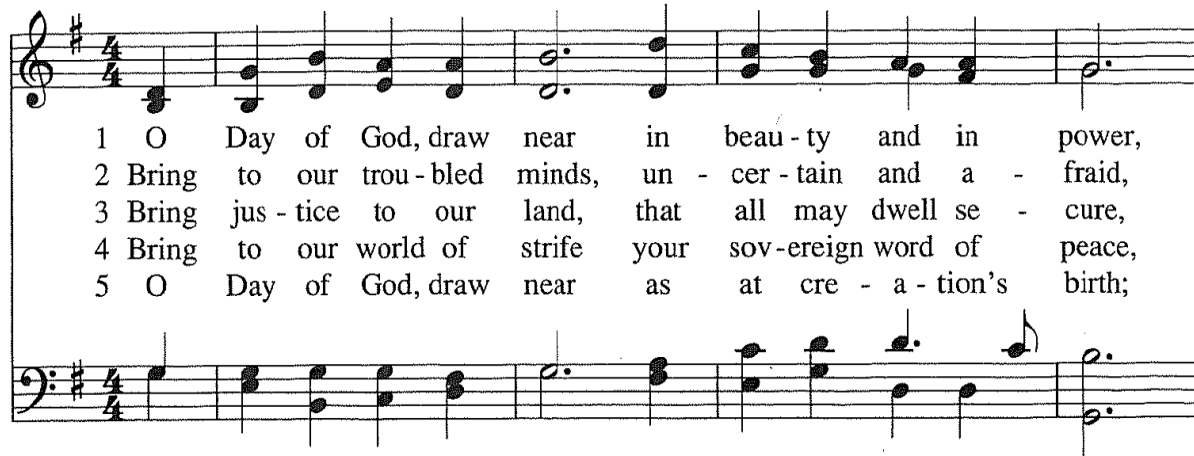
Thanks for all you do for this community. Please stay healthy, safe and hopeful!! We hope to see you soon.

Kayla

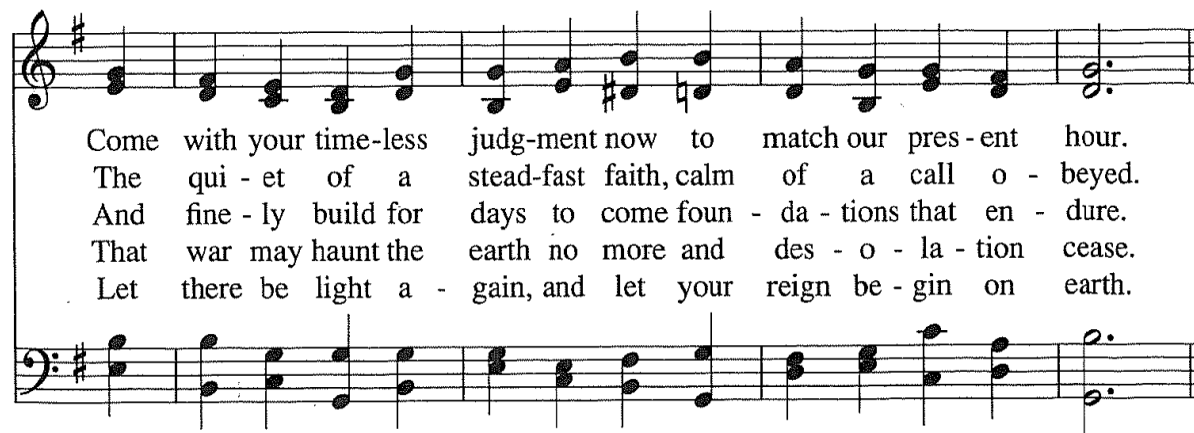
# O Day of God, Draw Near

R. B. Y. Scott, 1937; alt.

Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15



1 O Day of God, draw near in beau-ty and in power,  
2 Bring to our trou-bled minds, un-cer-tain and a-fraid,  
3 Bring jus-tice to our land, that all may dwell se-cure,  
4 Bring to our world of strife your sov-ereign word of peace,  
5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre-a-tion's birth;



Come with your time-less judg-ment now to match our pres-ent hour.  
The qui-et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o-beyed.  
And fine-ly build for days to come foun-da-tions that en-dure.  
That war may haunt the earth no more and des-o-la-tion cease.  
Let there be light a-gain, and let your reign be-gin on earth.

*R. B. Y. Scott was a theologian, Old Testament scholar, and social reformer who taught at McGill University, Montreal, and at Princeton University. A minister in the United Church of Canada, he wrote this text in 1937 for the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order.*

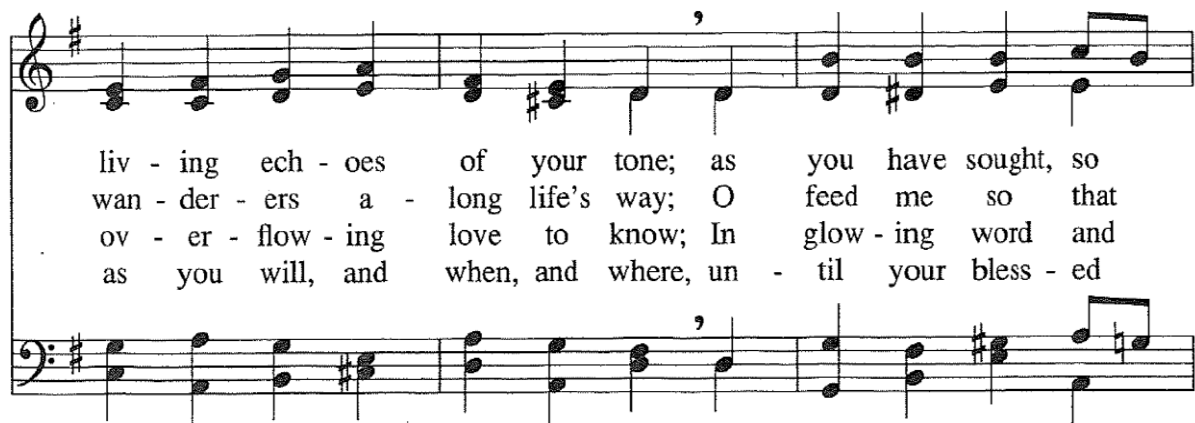
Tune: ST. MICHAEL S.M.  
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551  
Adapt. William Crotch, 1836

# God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

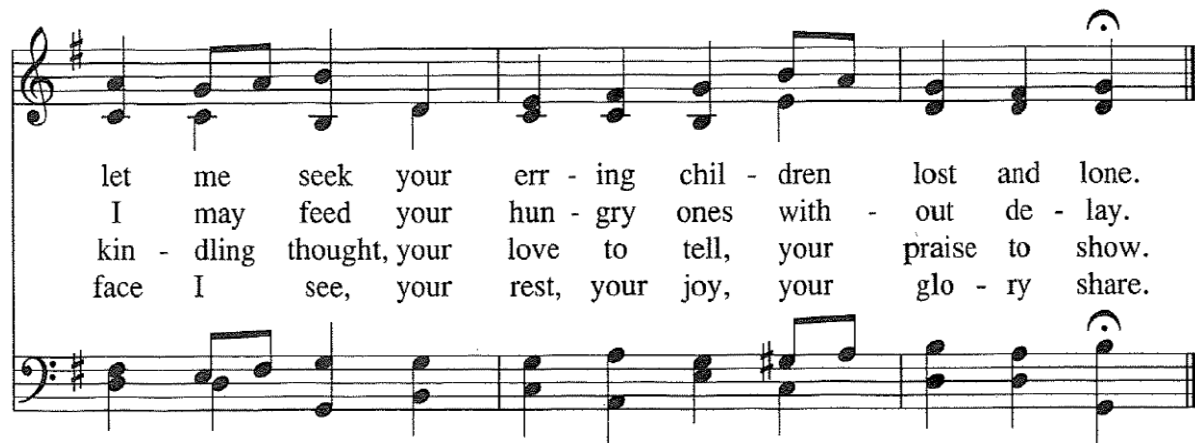
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.



1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some  
3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your  
4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that  
ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and  
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.  
kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

*Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.*

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.  
Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872