

**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

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer

Music Meditation

"Come Sunday"

Ellington

Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

Come Sunday, oh come Sunday, that's the day.

Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty; God of love,
Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies, 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty; God of love,
Please look down and see my people through.

I believe God is now, was then and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty; God of love,
Please look down and see my people through.

The Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 8:6-12 Jeffrey Bodmer-Turner (New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth.

⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him.

¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

¹² Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

The Gospels Matthew 10:5-15
(New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

Message

Choir Anthem *“Shalom Rav” (“Give Us Peace”)* Weiss
Texts: *Interfaith Prayer Book* and *Mourners’ Kaddish*
Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

Sung in Hebrew, English translation:

Grant abundant peace over Israel, Your people, forever; for You are the sovereign source of all peace.

So may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel in every season and in every hour with Your peace.

Blessed are you, God, who blesses His people with peace.

Sung in English: for those who make peace in high places, may they bless us with peace in this world.

Closing Hymn *“O How Shall I Receive You”*
(printed in Bulletin)

Blessing

Closing Song *“God Be in My Head”* Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and after my departing.

- The flowers, from Paul and Jeannie Knox, are given in unity with the people of Ukraine.
- Today’s Greeters are Jeff and Sandy Bodmer-Turner.
- Our Deacons are Mark and Ann Heslop.

- **NEW Sunday Morning Gathering Protocols:**

Now that both the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea and the State of Massachusetts have lifted mask mandates, our Church Council has determined that:

- Attendees are no longer required to wear masks in the Sanctuary. You are, of course, fully welcome to continue to mask if you wish.
- We will no longer continue obtaining contact info for attendees for the purpose of contact tracing.
- Hand sanitizer will still be available in the Narthex should you wish to use it.
- There will continue to be no formal Offering. 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.
- **“Coffee Hour Fellowship” has returned immediately following Worship!** Please plan to stay in the Sanctuary to participate.
- 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.
- Readers and Greeters are always needed, to volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caba822a1f49-diaconate).
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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.
- Welcome to all who are new to our worship. To join our mailing list please fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@gmail.com , 978-526-7661 ext 1.
- You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge @PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester

- Click to read The Church Bell Newsletter of First Parish Church Congregational for March 2022.
- Our theme throughout Lent this year is ***“These 40 Days”***. Over the course of most of the Sundays of Lent, we will explore important passages from the Bible that feature the number “40” – the official number of days in that sacred season.
- Next Sunday, March 20th, our own Rev. Dr. Lelly Smith will serve as Worship Leader and Preacher.
- ***Bible Study*** will be held on the following dates in March at 4pm on Zoom: Thursday, March 3, 10, 24 and March 31. There will be **no Bible Study** on March 17.
- ***Prayer and Meditation***, will move from Wednesdays to Thursdays beginning in March. It will be offered on Zoom in March only once - at **7pm on Thursday, March 24**.
- Our next ***“Spiritual Exploration”*** unit is Lent-focused, and begins soon:

“The Usual Suspects”

Tuesdays: March 22 and 29; April 5 and 12, 7:00-8:30pm on Zoom

During this four-week unit we will examine the lives and actions of some of the characters the Gospels identify as playing important roles in the death of Jesus, such as Judas, the religious leaders in Jerusalem, Herod and Pilate.

We will also explore how those actions, as a function of timeless human failings, emotions, and the context of time and place, might speak to us in our time and place.

- As always, you will continue to receive reminders and details on dates, times, and how to participate in all our offerings from the Church Office either on the day of or day before each gathering.

- 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<<http://www.actioninc.org>.
- Stewardship - Many of you do not use the pledge offering envelopes anymore; but look in the Narthex to see if your name is on a box. If you don't need them, please let Mary Ellen know she can take you off of the boxed envelope list.
- 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

Pet Food

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

- From the Open Door and the Outreach and Service Committee
Volunteers needed Fridays
Fulfillment Center, 11-1pm
Fulfillment Center, 1-3pm
Pick-Up Assistant, 3-5pm
No Contact Deliveries, 3-5pm

Visit VolunteerHub to claim your spot now:

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

- **Book Group** is open to everyone! Consider joining us. Questions can be directed to Mary Ellen Cook at 978-500-0018.

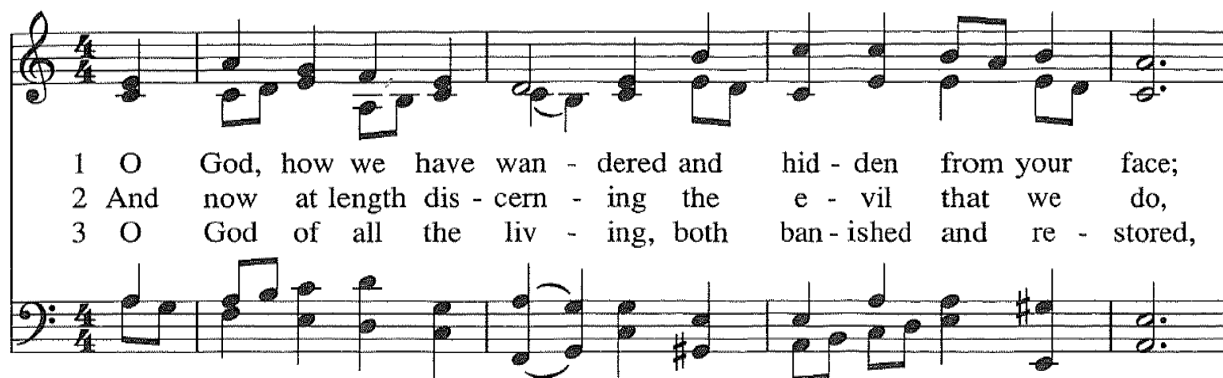
We next meet **Monday, March 28 at 6:30 PM** at Nancy Peterson's home 111 Chebacco Road, South Hamilton. The book for discussion is "Traveling with Pomegranates" by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor.

In April, we meet on **Monday, April 25** at 6:30 at Mary Ellen's home 23 Harold Street to discuss. "The Henna Artist" by Aika Joshi.

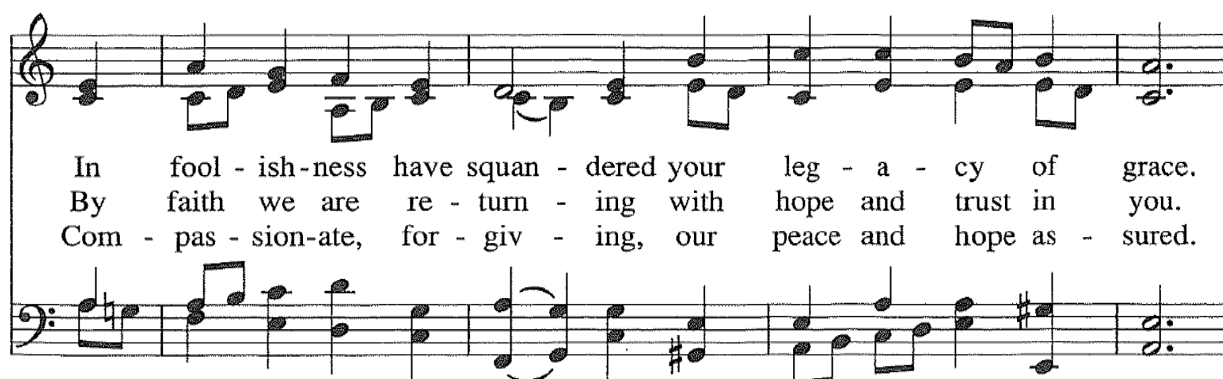
O God, How We Have Wandered

Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt.

Luke 15:11–32; 2 Cor. 5:16–20




1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic-ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in - bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

The tune for this contemporary text appears five times in J. S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, and first appeared as a hymn setting in the early 1800s. It has an ecumenical history reaching back many centuries. Originally it was a German love song.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
(HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)
Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729
For another harmonization, see 179

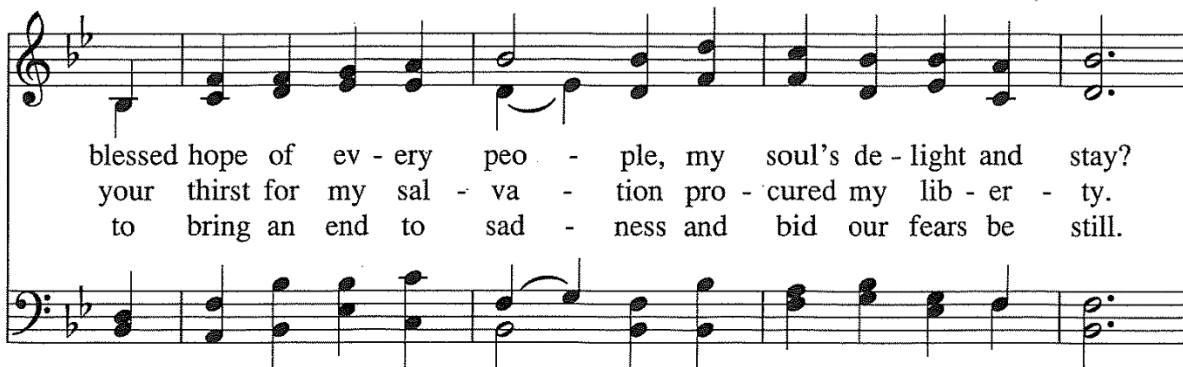
O How Shall I Receive You

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, and others; alt.



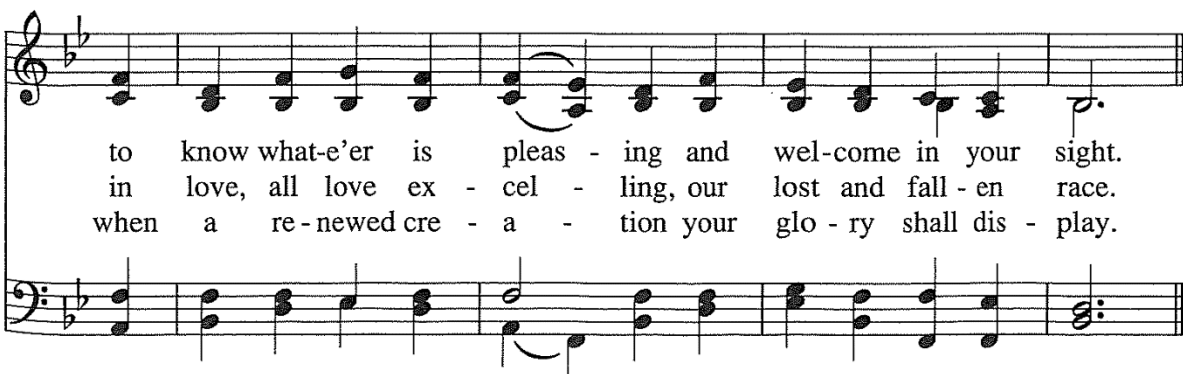
1 O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your way,
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you un - to me;
3 You come, O Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good - will,



blessed hope of ev - ery peo - ple, my soul's de - light and stay?
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by your own pure light,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to know what-e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
when a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

As a German Lutheran pastor serving during the Thirty Years' War, Paul Gerhardt's trials were legion. In the midst of it all, he composed more than a hundred hymns, among them some of the finest and most beloved in Christian hymnody.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
Melchior Teschner, 1615