

**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*

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Dr. Herman Weiss, Director of Music and Organist

First Parish Church, Congregational
United Church of Christ
Worship Celebration
Trinity Sunday
Tuck's Point
Sunday, June 12, 2022
10:00 am

Prelude *"Bagpipe Selections"*

Welcome

Opening Hymn *"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"*
(printed in bulletin)

Opening Prayer (together)

God of all Creation; God of land, sky and sea, shine Your light into our lives today. Lead us closer to Your Divine Mind. Draw us closer to Your Sacred Heart. Open our spirits to Your Eternal Wisdom.

Challenge us. Inspire us. Guide us beyond who and where we are today, individually and as a spiritual community. May Your presence grow in us, moving us toward greater union with You and Your ways.

For that is the path to our best and truest selves. To our best and truest world.

In all this, may we be led by the One You sent to show us and teach us the ways of Your mind, heart and spirit - our brother, teacher and Lord, Jesus. And so we pray to You now, Holy One, with the words He gave us...

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Solo

“River”

Staines

Paul Knox, soloist

Verse:

I was born in the path of the winter wind and raised where the mountains are old. Their spring-time waters came dancing down. I remember the tales they told. The whistling ways of my younger days too quickly have faded on by, but all of their memories linger on like the light in a fading sky.

Chorus:

River, take me along. In your sunshine sing me your song, ever moving and winding and free. You rolling old river, run down to the sea.

Verse:

I've been to the city and back again. I've been moved by some things that I learned. I've met a lot of good people and called them friend; I've felt the change when the seasons turn. I learned all the songs that the children sing – listened to love's melody – felt my own music within me rise like the wind in the autumn trees.

Chorus

Verse:

Someday when the flowers are blooming still, someday when the grass is still green, my rolling waters will round the bend and flow into the open sea. So here's to the rainbow that's followed me here, and here's to the friends that I know, and here's to the song that's within me now: I will sing it where I go.

Chorus

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent Prayer

Time of Spoken Prayer

Jeanne Westcott

Invitation to the Offering

Music Meditation

“Traumerei”

Schumann

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

Prayer of Dedication

The New Testament

Hebrews 2:1-12

Jack Abbott

(Common English Bible Translation)

¹ This is why it's necessary for us to pay more attention to what we have heard, or else we may drift away from it. ² If the message that was spoken by angels was reliable, and every offense and act of disobedience received an appropriate consequence, ³ how will we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

It was first announced through the Lord, and then it was confirmed by those who heard him. ⁴ God also vouched for their message with signs, amazing things, various miracles, and gifts from the Holy Spirit, which were handed out the way he wanted.

⁵ God didn't put the world that is coming (the world we are talking about) under the angels' control. ⁶ Instead, someone declared somewhere, *What is humanity that you think about them? Or what are the human beings that you care about them?* ⁷ *For a while you made them lower than angels. You crowned the human beings with glory and honor.* ⁸ *You put everything under their control.*

When he puts everything under their control, he doesn't leave anything out of control. But right now, we don't see everything under their control yet. ⁹ However, we do see the one who was made lower in order than the angels for a little while—it's Jesus! He's the one who is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of his death. He suffered death so that he could taste death for everyone through God's grace. Qualified to be a high priest.

¹⁰ It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom he's leading to glory. ¹¹ This is because the one who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source. That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters when he says,

¹² *I will publicly announce your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you in the middle of the assembly.*

Message

Choir Anthem

“Plenty Good Room”

arr. Maggs

Plenty good room in my Father’s Kingdom, so choose your seat and sit down.

I would not be a liar. I’ll tell you the reason why: ‘cause if my Lord should call me up, I wouldn’t be ready to die. No, I wouldn’t be ready to die.

Oh, there’s plenty good room in y Father’s kingdom, so choose your seat and sit down.

I would not be a gambler. I’ll tell you the reason why: ‘cause if my Lord should call me up, I wouldn’t be ready to die. No, I wouldn’t be ready to die.

Plenty good room in my Father’s Kingdom, so choose your seat and sit down.

Closing Hymn

“Creator God, Creating Still”

(printed in bulletin)

Blessing

Closing Song

“The Peace of the Earth”

Guatemalan traditional

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too; the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too. Deep peace falling over you; God’s peace growing in you. (Repeat)

- Our Deacons this morning are Sue Parker and Liz Loomis.
- There will be **no Bible Study this Thursday, June 16**. Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, June 23** at 4pm on Zoom.
- ***Prayer and Meditation*** will next take place on **Thursday, June 23** on Zoom at 7pm.

- Our current *Spiritual Exploration* continues this week:

“These Things”: Considering Your Life Testament

Tuesdays: 14 and 28 (additional weeks as needed)
7:00pm – 8:30pm on Zoom

Based on a spiritual exercise crafted by Jesuit priest and author Father Anthony de Mello, this unit will involve considering and sharing our responses and insights regarding a number of “*these things*” statements – for example: “*These things I have loved in life:*” and “*These experiences I have cherished:*” It promises to be a time of deep spiritual reflection, challenge, clarity and growth. After the first session, one or more “*these things*” prompts will be provided as “homework” in preparation for the following session.

Each session can be participated in on its own for those concerned about missing one or more evenings.

The homework prompts for the session on **Tuesday, May 31** are:

“These Suffering Have Seasoned Me...”

“These Regrets I Have...”

Remember:

1. Write as many responses as you can.
 2. Avoid “self-editing”
 3. Let go of concerns over how “trivial” a response might be to you or others.
 4. Be as detailed as possible.
- 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).
 - Welcome to all who are new to our Worship time. 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
- Our FPCC Compassion child, Chepkirwok needs supporters for 2023, [sign up now](#), questions can be directed to Sue Parker, sueparker33@aol.com.
- [Click to read](#) The Church Bell Newsletter of First Parish Church Congregational for Summer 2022.
- 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.

- **The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door and The Grace Center and Operation Troop Support**

Needed:

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

(Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Market Basket, etc.)

so they can purchase butter, cream and other perishables

Troop items for June, July & August are:

Powdered drink mixes- Gatorade, iced tea, lemonade

Dry fruits & nuts

Hard candy

Beef Jerky

Flip Flops, Shower wash

Razors and toiletries

Drop at the Church before Worship or at the Chapel

- **Book Group Summer News**

June 27- "Meet Me at the Museum" by Anne Youngson - to be held at 6:30 PM at Liz Loomis' home at 34 Bennett St. Manchester.

When the curator of a Danish museum responds to a query about ancient exhibits, he doesn't expect a reply. When Tina Hopgood first wrote it, nor did she ...

Professor Anders Larsen, an urbane man of facts, has lost his wife, along with his hopes and dreams for the future. He does not know that a query from a Mrs Tina Hopgood about a world-famous antiquity in his museum is about to alter the course of his life.

Oceans apart, an unexpected correspondence flourishes as they discover shared passions: for history and nature; for useless objects left behind by loved ones; for the ancient and modern world, what is lost in time, what is gained and what has stayed the same. Through intimate stories of joy, anguish, and discovery, each one bares their soul to the other. But when Tina's letters suddenly cease, Anders is thrown into despair. Can this unlikely friendship survive?^{goodreads}

July is a free month, enjoy your summer reads!

August 29, 6:30 PM- "Mad About the Boy" by Helen Fielding - location TBA.

- **Summer CE Programs**

Breakfast Buddies: Ocean Stories July 11-15, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

A program especially designed for 2–4-year-old children and an adult at no cost Breakfast Buddies introduces a Bible character to our youngest seekers with a short presentation, an activity, and a craft over breakfast.

Each day will introduce a different character so sign up for one day or all five!

Pre-registration is required and food allergies/ sensitivities will be accommodated. *Tell your friends and family and join us for some fun, some laughter, some learning, and some food!*

Mother Earth Sings Bible Experiences Week At First Parish Church

August 15-19, 2022 4-7pm Ages 6-12

Join us as we experience interactive storytelling, music, song, imaginative movement, yoga and meditation, games, visual art (in a variety of mediums), food creations and group creative writing in 5, three-hour sessions. This experience will integrate 5 different Bible stories with creative expression and fellowship for children ages 4-12.

Youth ages 14-16 are invited to apply as a junior counselor and parents are encouraged to volunteer. There is no cost for this experience and all materials are included. Please pre-register by July 16, space is limited to 15.

ART SHOW SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

The Christian Education Committee of First Parish Church is seeking art submissions for a judged Art Exhibit themed – “Our Earthly Home”

Art will be displayed From July 23 – July 29, 2022

Art will be judged, and winners announced July 26.

Winners will be awarded prizes in 1st and 2nd place in age range categories: Painting, drawing, mixed media, collage, sculpture, and nature items art are sought.

Submissions will be accepted daily outside the First Parish Chapel building at 1 Chapel Lane, MBTS beginning July 6 and closing July 19.

Look for specially marked drop bins.

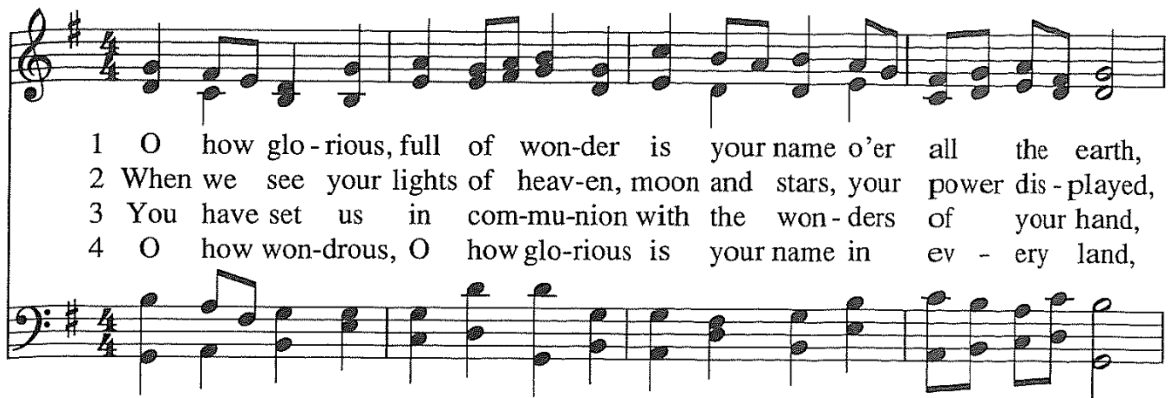
For questions or more information, contact jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com

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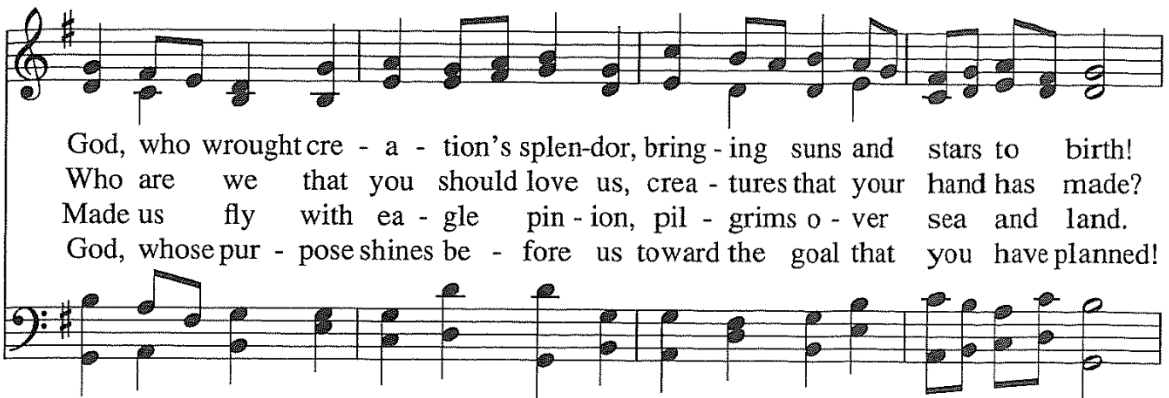
O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt.

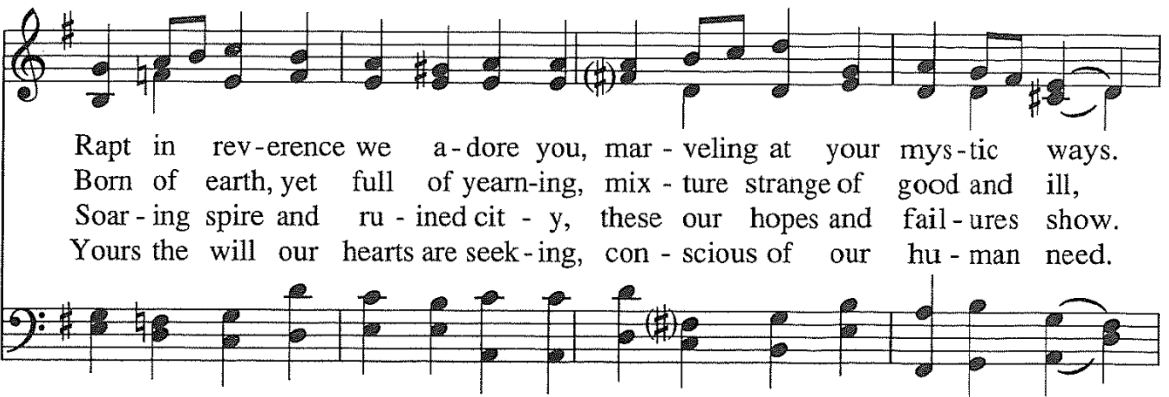
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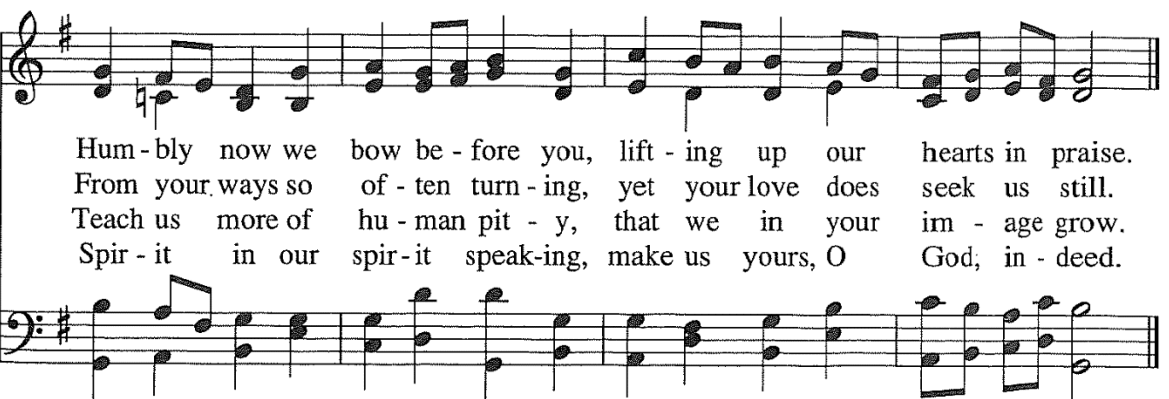
1 O how glo - rious, full of won - der is your name o'er all the earth,
2 When we see your lights of heav - en, moon and stars, your power dis - played,
3 You have set us in com - mu - nion with the won - ders of your hand,
4 O how won - drous, O how glo - rious is your name in ev - ery land,



God, who wrought cre - a - tion's splen - dor, bring - ing suns and stars to birth!
Who are we that you should love us, crea - tures that your hand has made?
Made us fly with ea - gle pin - ion, pil - grims o - ver sea and land.
God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us toward the goal that you have planned!



Rapt in rev - erence we a - dore you, mar - veling at your mys - tic ways.
Born of earth, yet full of yearn - ing, mix - ture strange of good and ill,
Soar - ing spire and ru - ined cit - y, these our hopes and fail - ures show.
Yours the will our hearts are seek - ing, con - scious of our hu - man need.



Hum - bly now we bow be - fore you, lift - ing up our hearts in praise.
From your ways so of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us still.
Teach us more of hu - man pit - y, that we in your im - age grow.
Spir - it in our spir - it speak - ing, make us yours, O God, in - deed.

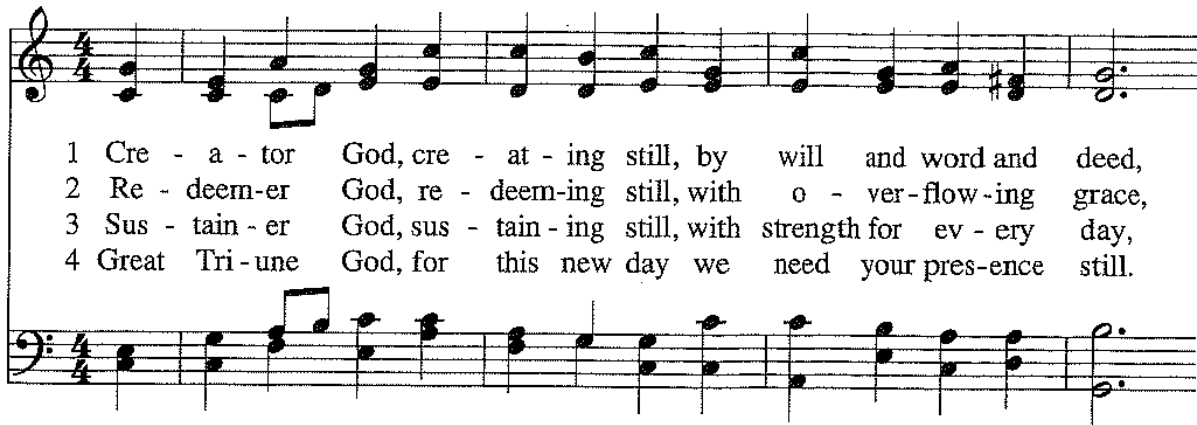
United Church of Christ minister Curtis Beach submitted this hymn to the editorial committee of the Pilgrim Hymnal (1958). It was one of two psalm paraphrases by Beach to be accepted. The hymn was also included in The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ (1974).

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Traditional Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906
Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY

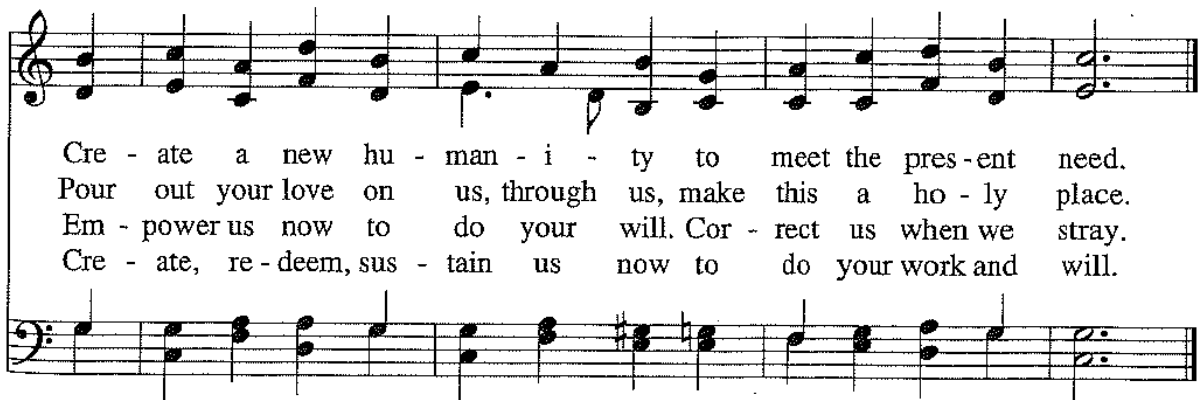
Creator God, Creating Still

Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708