

**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
Father's Day
Sunday, June 19, 2022
10:00 am

Prelude *"Heliotrope Bouquet"* Chauvin and Joplin

Welcome

Opening Hymn *"The Church's One Foundation"*
(printed in bulletin)

Opening Prayer (together)

Holy God, we remember Your faithful presence with us through all the days. We thank You that You have been with us in hardship and in chaotic times; been with us in confusing and mysterious times; been with us in hopeless and discouraging times; been present in Your Church.

We trust that You will go with us in the days ahead as we come together to pray and learn about Your faithfulness. We trust that when two or three are gathered together, You are in their midst. We trust that the Holy Spirit, so full of power on Pentecost and in the life of Christ's community, will flow down upon us to comfort and guide us.

On this Juneteenth, we are grateful for the possibility of living free in this land and the responsibility to preserve liberty for all. We look to the Holy Spirit to make us appreciate of our freedom enough to be creative and imaginative in living a holy life. Be with us as we Worship this morning, and bless us as a father blesses his children and gives them strength and energy to walk in the ways of Christ - the one in whose name we pray.

Let us join together in the very prayer he taught 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

“Lead Me On”

Grant

Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

Verse:

Shoulder to the wheel for someone else’s selfish gain. Here there is no choosing, working the clay, wearing their anger like a ball and chain.

Fire in the field, underneath a blazing sun, but soon the sun was faded and freedom was a song I heard them singing when the day was done, singing to the Holy One.

Chorus:

Lead me on, lead me on, to a place where the river runs into Your keeping. Oh, lead me on, lead me on, the awaited deliverance comforts the seeking, lead on.

Verse:

Waiting for the train labeled with a golden star, heavy hearted boarding, whispers in the dark: “Where are we going, is it very far?”

Bitter cold terrain, echoes of a slamming door, in chambers made for sleeping forever. Voices like thunder, in a mighty roar, cry to the Lord.

Chorus

Verse:

Man hurts man time and time, time again, and we drown in the wake of our power, somebody tell me why?

Chorus

Responsive Reading

Psalm 42

(printed in bulletin)

The disciples drew closer, to hear the words of promise of the Lord: if you hear the truth I say and follow in My way, the great will be your heavens' reward, and He said:

In my Father's house there are many mansions, in my Father's house there is room; and all who believe shall come to live with Me; for in my Father's house I'll prepare a place for you.

Let not your hearts be troubled: believe in God, believe now in Me; for if you will believe in Heaven you will see the glory of the great 'I am', and He said:

In my Father's house there are many mansions, in my Father's house there is room; and all who believe shall come to live with Me; for in my Father's house I'll prepare a place for you. I will always be with you. Through every step you'll never walk alone.

And when your earthly days are over I will come again to welcome you home. I tell you:

In my Father's house there are many mansions, in my Father's house there is room; and all who believe shall come to live with Me; for in my Father's house I'll prepare a place for you. In my Father's house there is room.

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Music Meditation *"The Things Our Fathers Loved"* Ives
(and the greatest of these was Liberty)
Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

I think there must be a place in the soul all made of tunes, of tunes of long ago;

I hear the organ on the Main Street corner, Aunt Sarah humming Gospels;
Summer evenings, The village cornet band, playing in the square. The town's
Red, White and Blue, all Red, White and Blue.

Now! Hear the songs! I know not what are the words. But they sing in my soul of the things our Fathers loved.

Gloria

Prayer of Dedication

The New Testament Galatians 3:23-29 Janet Groth
(New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Sermon *"The Gift of the Church Community"*
Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith

Closing Hymn *"There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit in this Place"*
(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 worship this morning is led by Rev. Dr. Llewellyn P. Smith, retired pastor of Mass. U.C.C. congregations in East Milton and West Gloucester. In the wider church, she taught Field Education at Yale Divinity School and Andover Newton Theological School and led the area Peer Pastoral Support Committee. Lelly has been active in our congregation, singing in the Choir, and chairing and serving on our Education, Nominating, Mission and Executive Committees. She and her husband George have three children: Singer/Drama Educator, Putnam Smith, Dr. Sarah Gerritz and Rev. Abigail Smith. They have six grandchildren aging from infant to graduate school.
- Our Deacons this morning are Sue Parker and Liz Loomis.
- The *Church Council* meets this **Tuesday, June 21** at 6:30pm on Zoom.
- *Bible Study* meets this **Thursday, June 23** at 4pm on Zoom.
- *Prayer and Meditation* will take place this **Thursday, June 23** on Zoom at 7pm.
- Our current *Spiritual Exploration* will not meet this week due to the Church Council meeting. It resumes next **Tuesday, June 28**.

“These Things”: Considering Your Life Testament

Tuesdays: June 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 continues 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, June 28** are:

“These Regrets I Have...”

“These Are My Most Important Achievements”

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).
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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 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.
 - **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.

Move over, Bridget Jones's diary: She's back, and this time she's texting and tweeting. . . Fourteen years after landing Mark Darcy, Bridget's life has taken her places she never expected. But despite the new challenges of single parenting, online dating, wildly morphing dress sizes, and bafflingly complex remote controls, she is the same irrepressible and endearing soul we all remember—though her talent for embarrassing herself in hilarious ways has become dangerously amplified now that she has 752 Twitter followers. As Bridget navigates head lice epidemics, school-picnic humiliations, and cross-generational sex, she learns that life isn't over when you start needing reading glasses—and why one should never, ever text while drunk. Studded with witty observations about the perils and absurdities of our times, Mad About the Boy is both outrageously comic and genuinely moving.

As we watch her dealing with heartbreaking loss and rediscovering love and joy, Bridget invites us to fall for her all over again.^{goodreads}

- 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.

- **Summer Programs Sign Up [click here](#)**

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!

Paper registration forms are available by contacting Jeanne Westcott, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, at Jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com

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 participants.

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.

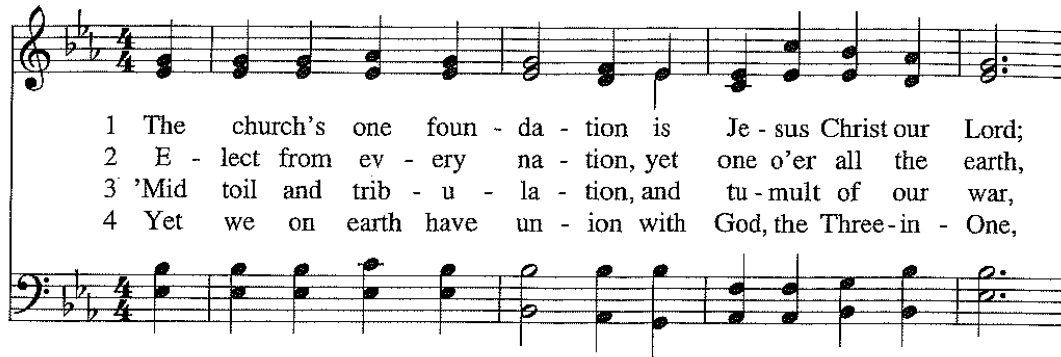
Look for specially marked drop bins.

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

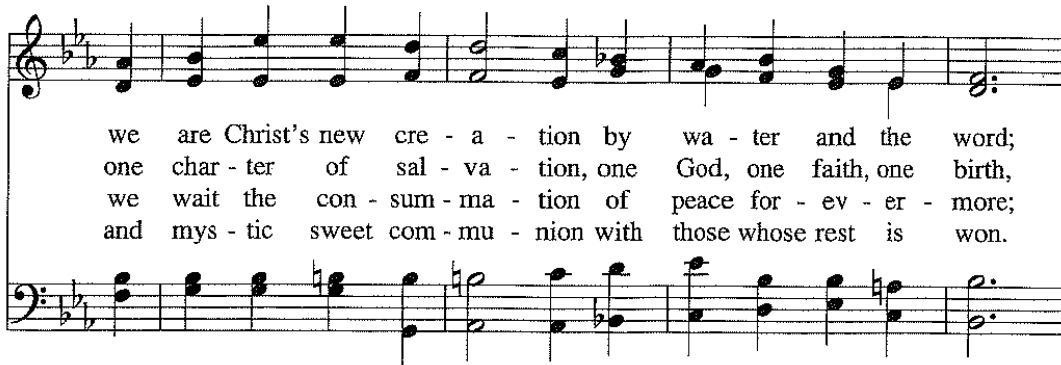
The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

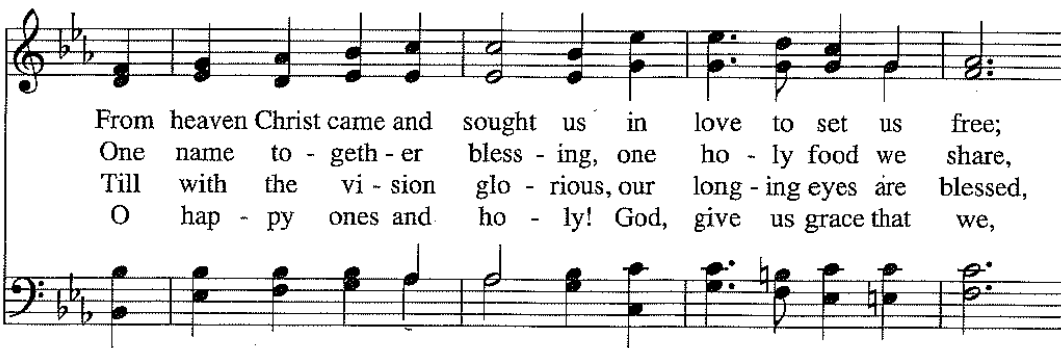
Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.



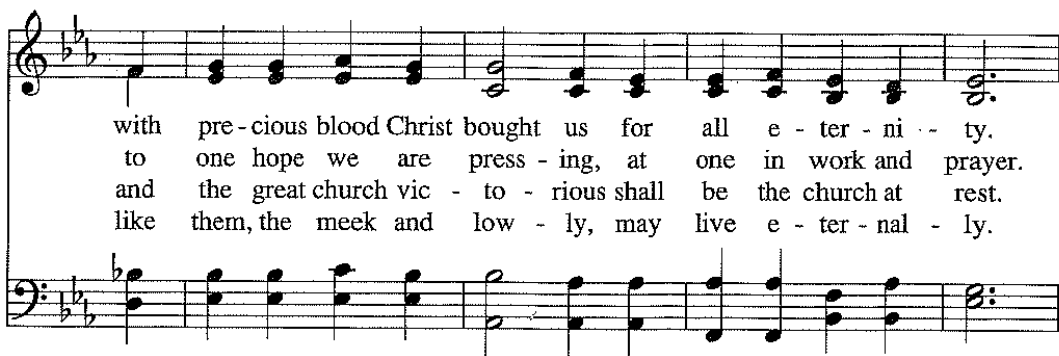
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,



we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,



with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."

Tune: AURELIA · 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Psalm 42, 43*R*esponse**My soul thirsts for God, for the liv-ing God.***(Alt. for Ps. 43) Why have you cast me off, O God?**R*

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of
God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping
festival. *R*

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within
me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

⁸ By day God commands God's steadfast love,
and at night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. *R*

⁹ I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses
me?”

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul?
Why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise the one,
who is my help and my God. *℟*

(Psalm 43)

(Alt. for Ps. 43) **Why have you cast me off, O God?**

℟

¹ Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

² For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise the one,
who is my help and my God. *℟*

Psalms 42 and 43 Easter Vigil ABC and Proper 7 [12] C; Psalm 43 Proper 26 [31] A.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

The first system of musical notation is in G major, 4/4 time, and marked 'Slowly'. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics for two parts. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady bass line.

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are split across two lines for each part, with the second line of the first part overlapping the first line of the second part.

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are split across two lines for each part, with the second line of the first part overlapping the first line of the second part.

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

The fourth system is the refrain, marked 'to Refrain'. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are split across two lines for each part, with the second line of the first part overlapping the first line of the second part.

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.