

**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

Invitation to the Offering

Music Meditation *“I Stood on the River of Jordan”* spir., arr. Burleigh
Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

I stood on the river of Jordan, to see that that ship come sailing over; stood on the river of Jordan, to see that ship sail by.

Oh mourner, don't you weep when you see that ship come sailing over! Oh mourner, don't you weep when you see that ship sail by.

O sister, you better be ready to see that ship come sailing over; brother, you better be ready to see that ship sail by.

Oh mourner, don't you weep when you see that ship come sailing over! Shout 'Glory Hallelujah' when you see that ship sail by.

I stood on the river of Jordan.

Prayer of Dedication

The New Testament 2 Corinthians 4 (excerpts) John Round
(New Living Translation)

¹Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. ²We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

³If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

⁵ You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁸ We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. ¹⁰ Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Message

Solo

"My Tribute"

Crouch

How can I give thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You give to prove Your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude; all that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory; to God be the glory, to God be the Glory for the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me, with his pow'r He has raised me, to God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing Lord to Thee; and should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

With His blood He has saved me. With His pow'r He has raised me. To God be the glory for the things He has done.

The Sacrament of Communion

Leader: God is with us;

People: In every moment of our lives.

Leader: Let us lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to our God.

Leader: Let us present our lives to God,

People: Through all we do and say.

The Words of Institution

Consecration

Sharing God's Gifts (gluten free option available)

- Communion in August is by Intinction. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat by the side aisles.

The Community's Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us to this table of nourishment and healing for body, mind and spirit. May the sharing of this holy meal strengthen our faith, increase our love for You and one another, and give us the courage we need to go out into the world as Christ's disciples, inspired and supported for Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Be Now My Vision"

(printed in bulletin)

Blessing

Closing Song

"Grace"

Shaw, text McGee

For the blanket of the night o'er a starlit sky;
For the hush of the dawn when morning is nigh;
For tender spring, for music, for joy the day may bring,
We thank Thee dear God. May all our lives sing. Amen.

- We welcome Bonnie Anderson as our Guest Music Director this morning.

Bonnie has a varied career as chamber pianist, orchestral pianist, soloist, and teacher of students ages 12-88. She enjoys collaborating with musicians from the Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and San Francisco Symphony. Highlights of her collaborations include performing Hindemith's Trio for Saxophone, Viola and Piano with Branford Marsalis and Christof Huebner on the Nantucket Island Musical Arts Society Series, recital with Joseph Foley on the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra "Unleashed Series" in Houston, and concerts with her Piano Duo partner Stella Owen around New England. As orchestral pianist, Bonnie is a member of Orchestra of Indian Hill and performs as guest pianist with Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, Concord Orchestra, and Portland Symphony. An enthusiastic educator, Bonnie teaches at Phillips Andover Academy and was previously on the faculty at UMass Lowell.

This year's projects include outdoor concerts on two keyboards with her Piano Duo, solo recitals of her solo arrangements of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, and concerts with her new Piano Trio. Bonnie's recordings include a solo piano disc featuring French composers and a collaborative disc (Nightsongs) with trumpeter Joseph Foley. Bonnie attended the Juilliard School, Michigan State University, French Piano Institute in Paris and received her DMA from Boston University. She lives in Manchester with her family and two golden retrievers.

- Our Deacon this morning is Barbara Smith.
- 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.
- 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.

- **Book Group Summer News**

August 29, 6:30 PM, location TBA. A choice of 2 books-

“Mad About the Boy” by Helen Fielding

“West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge

- **Mother Earth Sings Bible Experiences Week at First Parish Church**
August 15-19, 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.

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

Drop at the Church before Worship or 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 & Fruits Spaghetti Sauce
 Macaroni and Cheese Rice, Noodles, Pasta Pet Food
 Gift Cards from local grocery markets (Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Market Basket, etc.) for perishables

Troop items for August are:

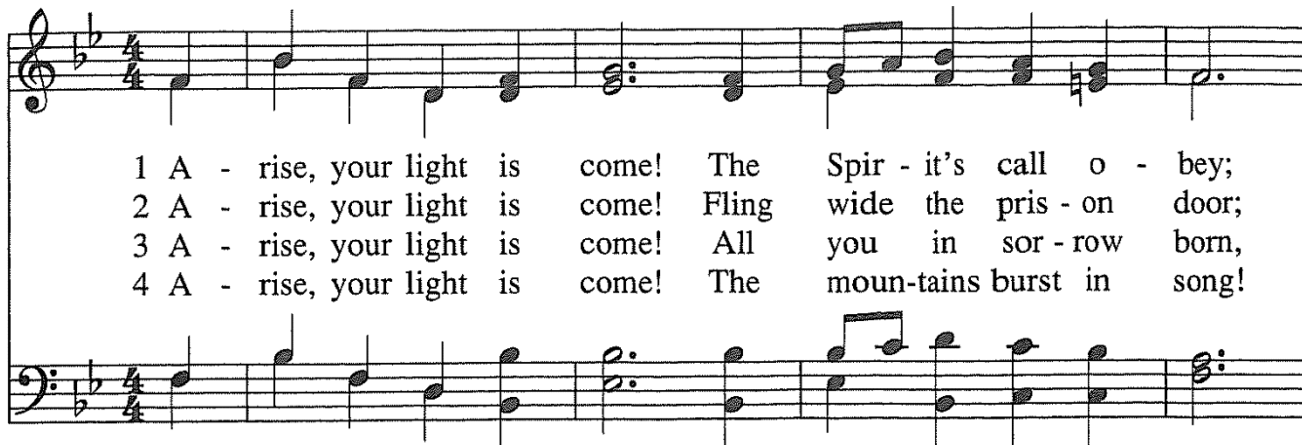
Flip Flops Shower wash Razors and toiletries

- **Mark your calendars! Sunday September 11, 5-7 PM.** The Stewardship Committee would love everyone to join us at Tuck's Point, for pizza and beverages, to thank you for all your support for our Church.

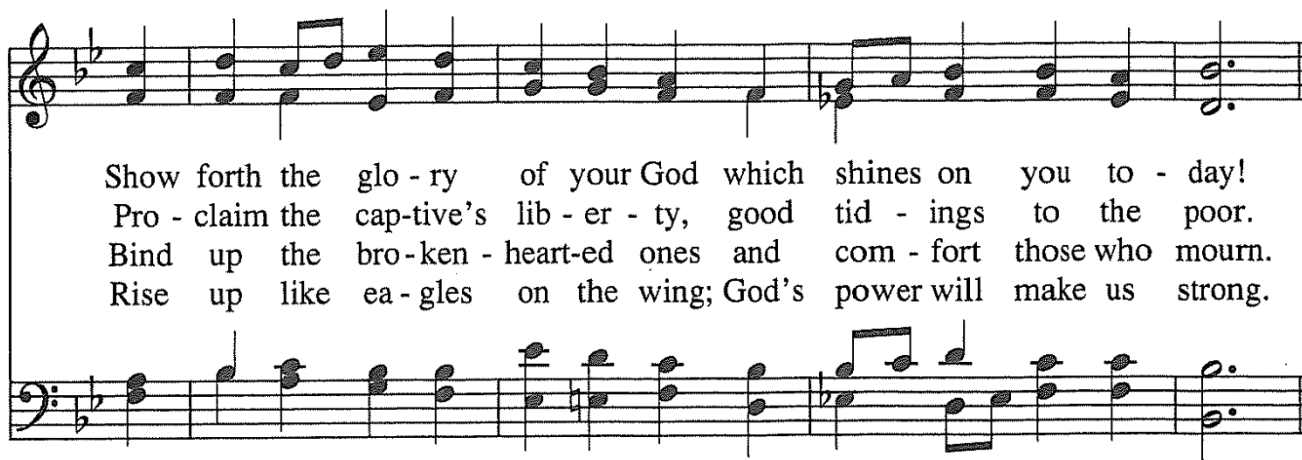
Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Walter, 1872

Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927

