

**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



**Solo**

*“The Birds”*

Thiman, text Belloc

Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

When Jesus Christ was four years old, the angels brought Him toys of gold, which no man ever bought or sold.

And yet with these he would not play. He made Him small fowl out of clay, and blessed them ‘till they flew away. Tu creasti, Domine.

Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise, bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, and bring my soul to paradise, to paradise.

**Prayer Intentions**

**Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Music Meditation** *“Impromptu in G Flat, D. 899”*

Schubert

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

**Prayer of Dedication**

**The Gospels**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

**(New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ <sup>24</sup> He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’

<sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ <sup>26</sup> He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ <sup>27</sup> She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Message

**Solo**

*"Jesus Is Love"*  
Rebecca Shrimpton , soloist

Richie

Father, help Your children and don't let them fall by the side of the road. And teach them to love one another, that heaven might find a place in their hearts.

'Cause Jesus is love. He won't let you down, and I know He's mine forever in my heart.

We've got to walk on, walk on through temptation, 'cause His love and His wisdom will be our helping hand and I know the truth and His word will be our salvation.

Lift up our hearts to be thankful and glad that Jesus is love. He won't let you down, and I know He's mine forever, in my heart. I know His love's the power, His love's the glory forever.

Jesus is love. I know, and if you ask I'll show love is the word forever.

**Closing Hymn**      *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*  
(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.

- Our Deacon this morning is Barbara Smith.

- Our current *Spiritual Exploration* unit *concludes* this Tuesday, July 19:

***“These Things”: Considering Your Life Testament***

Tuesdays: July 19

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, June 19** are:

***“These Things I Still Hope To Do”***

**AND:** Choose one saying, poem, scripture verse or story, song, etc. which you feel would be a fitting conclusion to your life “testament” – something which you feel captures the essence of who you have been to this point in your life.

**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.
- ***Virtual Office Hours*** with Mark will take place this **Wednesday, July 20** from 11am-2pm on Zoom. This will be Mark’s final *Virtual Office Hours*.

- ***Bible Study*** will take place this **Thursday, July 21** at 4pm on Zoom. This will be the final *Bible Study* until the Fall.
- ***Prayer and Meditation*** will also take this **Thursday, July 21** on Zoom at 7pm. This will be the final *Prayer and Meditation* of the year.
- 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>
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - July is a free month, enjoy your summer reads!**
- **August 29, 6:30 PM, location TBD, choice of 2 books -**

**“Mad About the Boy” by Helen Fielding**

*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.*

**“West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge**

**An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.**

*“Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes...”*

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away.

But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder.

They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic.

What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

- **The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door and The Grace Center and Operation Troop Support.** Drop any of the items below at the Church 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 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.) for 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

**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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd place in age range categories:

The Matisse Group: Ages 3-6 years

The Van Gogh Group: Ages 7-10 years

The Picasso Group: Ages 11-14 years

The Renoir Group: Ages 15- 18 years

The DaVinci Group: Ages 19- and over

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. *Tell your friends and family and join us for some fun, some laughter, some learning, and some food!*

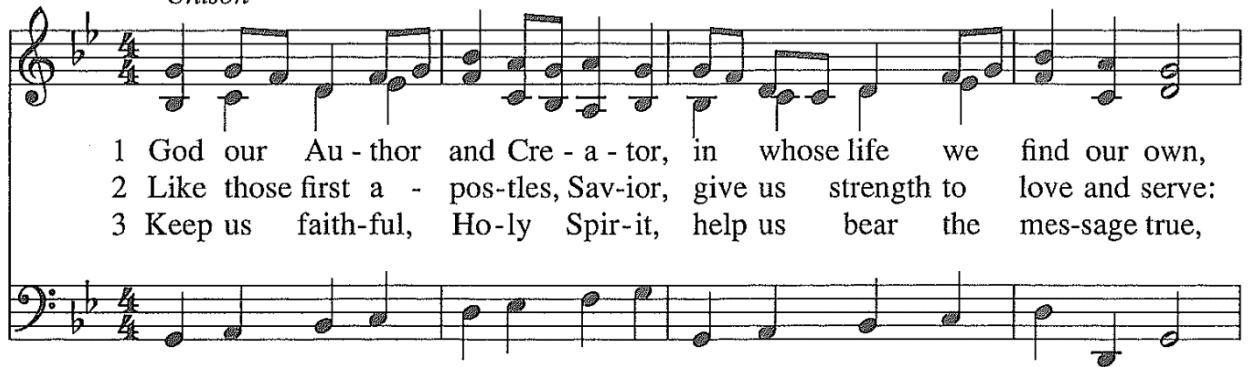
For questions or more information, contact Jeanne @jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com or sign up [here](#).

# God Our Author and Creator

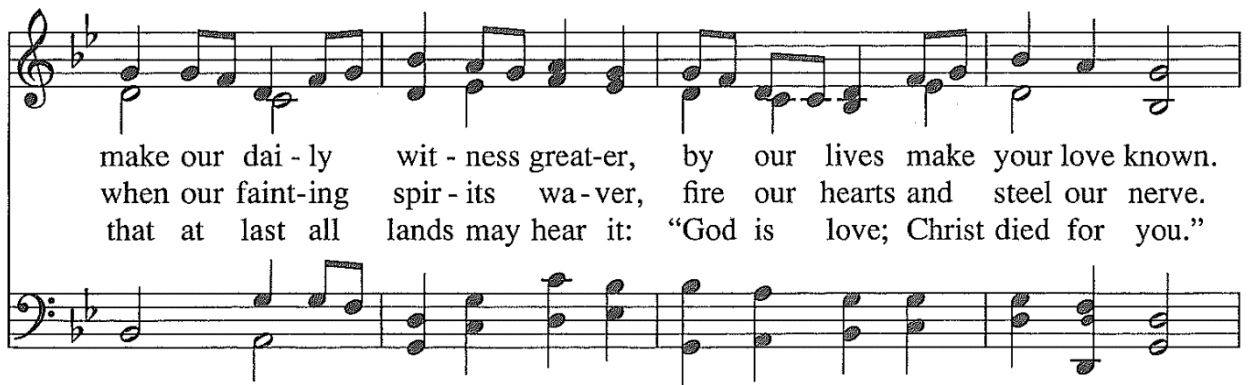
Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985

Gen. 1:1-2:3; Acts 17:22-31; Rom. 12:2; John 3:16-17

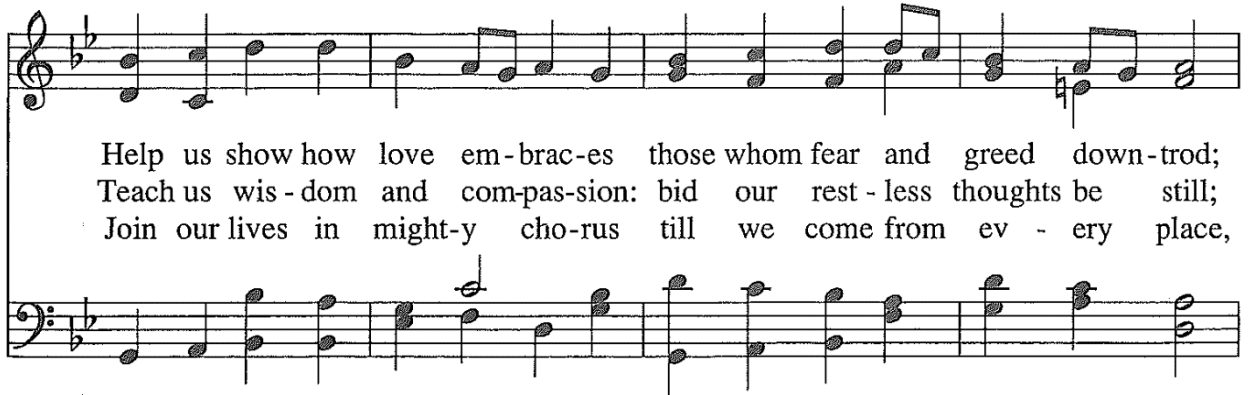
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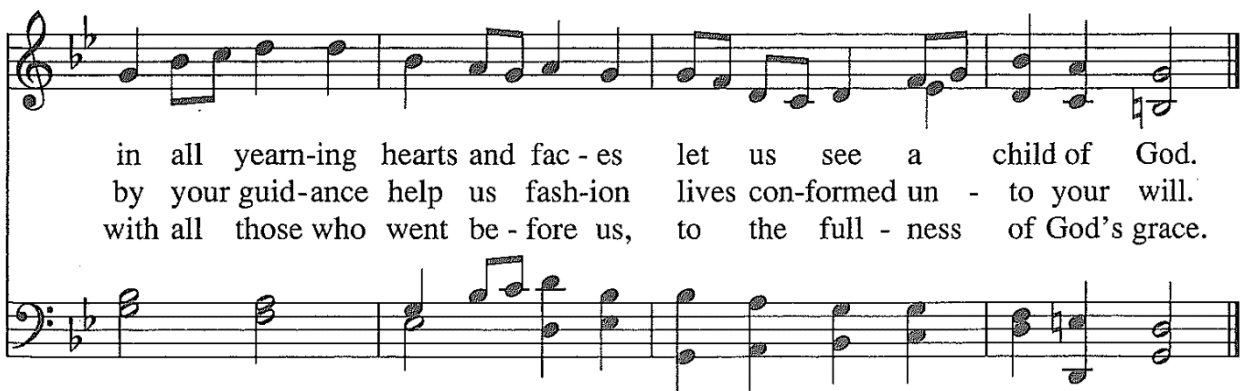
1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,  
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:  
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,



make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.  
when our faint-ing spir - its wa-ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."



Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;  
Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;  
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,



in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.  
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.  
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

*In 1985, a hymn competition was held to commemorate the centennial of the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. This winning text by Carl P. Daw, Jr., fulfilled the guideline that the hymn address mission in the context of daily life.*

Tune: JEFFERSON 8.7.8.7.D.  
Southern Harmony, 1835  
Harm. John Ferguson, 1973

# In Christ There Is No East or West

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22*

*John Oxenham, 1908; alt.  
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;  
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



*At the beginning of the twentieth century, many hymns were written to promote the oneness of humanity. English Congregationalist John Oxenham's text is a lasting example. His great concern for those in military service led to the publication of a World War I hymnbook that exceeded eight million in circulation.*

Tune: ST. PETER C.M.  
Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836  
Alternate setting: McKEE



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.  
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through-out the whole wide earth.

