



**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



# The Sacrament of Baptism for Wilder Harrison Flynn

Parents: Alyssa and Brian Flynn

Sibling: Jameson Flynn

Grandparents: Christine and Michael Flynn; Ted Hood; Nancy Deutsch

Godparents: Mallory and Patrick Toomey

Introduction

Covenant of the One Being Baptized

Covenant of the Congregation

Blessing of the Baptismal Water

The Act of Baptism

Congregational Prayer for the One Baptized (together)

We give you thanks, O God, for Wilder, and for his Baptism through water and Your Holy Spirit. May his reception into Your spiritual community help him find courage and strength in difficult times, experience the joy that You desire him to know, and receive the fullness of life that comes from following the example of Jesus. Amen.

**Solo**

*“720 in the Books”*

Adamson, Savitt and Watson, arr. Waller

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

**Prayer Intentions**

**Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Music Meditation**

*“Heaven”*

Ellington

Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

Heaven, my dream Heaven, divine Heaven, supreme

Heaven combines every sweet and pretty thing life would love to bring;

Heavenly heaven to be is just the ultimate degree to be.

**Prayer of Dedication**

The Hebrew Scriptures    Ezekiel 37:1-14    Betsy Nickless  
(New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

<sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

## Message

**Solo**

*“A Flower Is a Lovesome Thing”* Strayhorn, arr. Weiss  
Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

A flower is a lovesome thing, a luscious living lovesome thing; a daffodil, a rose,  
no matter where it grows is such a lovely lovesome thing.

A flower is the heart of spring that makes the rolling hillside sing – the gentle  
winds that blow, blow gently for they know; a flower is a lovesome thing.

Playing in the breeze, swaying with the trees; in the silent night or in the  
morning light - such a miracle.

Azaleas drinking pale moonbeams, gardenias floating through daydreams -  
wherever it may grow, no matter where you go - a flower is a lovesome thing.

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wherever it may grow, no matter where you go – a flower is a lovesome thing.

In the silent night, in the morning light.

**Closing Hymn**

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*  
(printed in bulletin)

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*“God Bless You and Keep You”*

Althouse

God bless you and keep you wherever you go;  
His love is a constant companion.  
God lead you and guide you and be at your side.  
God bless you and keep you forever.

- Our Deacons this morning is Barbara Smith and John Round.
- **Next Sunday, July 31** will be an *“Ask the Minister”* Sunday. Come with your biblical, theological and spiritual questions, **or** text or email them ahead of time, and Rev. Mark will address as many of them as possible in the time normally allotted to the Sunday Message. These Sundays are always engaging, informative and fun.
- 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- “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.*

**“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 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 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

**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**

The Christian Education Committee of First Parish Church is holding 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 2<sup>nd</sup> place in age range categories. For questions or more information, contact Jeanne @jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com or sign up here.

# O God in Whom All Life Begins

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

*Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.*

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.  
Traditional English melody  
Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.  
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.  
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided for four different verses and a concluding stanza. The first system covers the first four verses, and the second system covers the concluding stanza. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

*Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).*

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.  
Robert Jackson, 1894