



**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  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, July 3, 2022  
9:00 am**

**Prelude**                                    *"The Liberty Bell"*                                    Sousa

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**                    *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*  
(printed in bulletin)

**Opening Prayer (together)**

Holy One, we proclaim ourselves to be a country committed to Your call that all people be free and equal.

In these days which we celebrate the birth of our nation, help us to remember and appreciate the hard work and sacrifice that produced the many ways in which we have fulfilled that vision. Help us to also honestly acknowledge and repent of the ways in which we have not.

Then, from that place of appreciation and repentance, help us to do the work necessary to move closer to our promise as a nation. Help us to avoid complacency, cynicism and despair, and instead refuse to give in or give up on becoming all we can be and all You call us to be - a land of justice, kindness, compassion and equality for all, and not just some.

And may we do all this in the name of the one, Jesus, You sent to show us and teach us those ways. We pray to you now 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.

## **The Sacrament of Baptism for Vivian LeMay Steinhoff**

Parents: Webber and Vanessa Steinhoff

Sibling: Louisa Steinhoff

Grandparents: Wayne and Catherine Steinhoff

Godparents: Boyd Steinhoff and Jenny Steinhoff

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 Vivian, and for her Baptism through water and Your Holy Spirit. May her reception into Your spiritual community help her find courage and strength in difficult times, experience the joy that You desire her to know, and receive the fullness of life that comes from following the example of Jesus. Amen.

**Solo**

*“Quiet Faith of Man”*

Staines

Paul Knox, soloist

One day a babe was born along the highway, a tiny helpless thing upon the sand  
And an okie with a dream out on the byway lifts the babe and held it proudly in  
his hand

And the woman smiled a gentle smile of knowing, and whispered something  
softly in his ear

Perhaps a little prayer to help the growing, perhaps a word of comfort through  
the tears.

( Chorus )

You can trust the moon to move the mighty ocean.  
You can trust the sun to shine upon the land.  
You take the little that you know and you do the best you can.  
You see the rest with the quiet faith of man.

A tractor makes its way along the fence line. The seeds are dropped precisely in a row

If the rain is kind and the wind don't take the top soil, before too long the crops will start to show

And the farmer sees his fields around him rising and whispers something low beneath his breath

Perhaps a little prayer to help the growing, perhaps a word of thanks for all the rest

(Chorus)

There's a storm tossed ship out on the water  
There's a soul that sails alone out on the blue  
There's a dreamer with his eye upon the heavens  
They're just looking for a way to make it through.

(Chorus x2)

**Prayer Intentions**

**Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Music Meditation**      *"You're a Grand Old Flag"*      Cohan  
Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

**Prayer of Dedication**

**The New Testament      1 Corinthians 10:23-33      John Feuerbach**  
**(New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)**

<sup>23</sup> 'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup> Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.

<sup>25</sup> Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, <sup>26</sup> for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' <sup>27</sup> If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

<sup>28</sup> But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice', then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— <sup>29</sup> I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience? <sup>30</sup> If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.

## Message

**Solo**

*"The House I Live In"*      Robinson, words by Allen  
Paul Knox, soloist

What is America to me? A name, a map, or a flag I see, a certain word, democracy. What is America to me?

The house I live in, a plot of earth, a street, the grocer and the butcher and the people that I meet; the children in the play ground, the faces that I see; all races, all religions, that's America to me.

The place I work in, the worker at my side, the little town or city where my people lived and died; the "howdy" and the handshake, the air of feeling free, the right to speak my mind out, that's America to me.

The things I see about me, the big things and the small, the little corner newsstand and the house a mile tall; the wedding and the churchyard, the laughter and the tears, the dream that's been a growin' for a hundred fifty years.

The town I live in - the street, the house, the room; the pavement of the city, or a garden all in bloom, the church, the school, the clubhouse, the million lights I see; but especially the people, that's America to me.

## **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)

## **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**      *"As We Gather at Your Table"*  
(printed in bulletin)

## **Blessing**

**Closing Song**      *"God Be with You"*      Vaughn Williams

- Our Deacon this morning is John Feuerbach.
- *Bible Study* will be held this **Thursday, July 7** at 4pm on Zoom.

- *Prayer and Meditation* will take place this **Thursday, July 7** on Zoom at 7pm.
- Our current *Spiritual Exploration* unit continues this week:

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

Tuesdays: July 5 and 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 7** are:

***“These Are My Most Important Achievements”***  
***“These Things I Still Hope To Do”***

**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.
- 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.**
- **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.)  
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

**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.

## **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:

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 of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
 John Hughes, c. 1907

# As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."*

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.  
The Sacred Harp, 1844  
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992