

**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*

First Parish Church, Congregational
United Church of Christ
Worship Celebration
Communion
Sunday, September 11, 2022
10:00 am

Prelude Prelude in E Flat Minor (from 'WTC', book 2) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Sue Parker

Opening Hymn "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*" (printed in bulletin)

Call to Worship Janet Groth

Leader: When the lost are found,

People: There is joy!

Leader: When hope overcomes despair,

People: There is joy!

Leader: When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

People: There is joy!

Choir Anthem When in Our Music God is Glorified Charles Stanford (1852 – 1924), adapted from Fred Green

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, born witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Music Meditation I Got a Home – spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Paul Knox, soloist

I got a home in-a dat Rock, don't you see? Between the earth and sky, don't you see?

Thought I heard my savior cry: you got a home in dat Rock, don't you see?

Poor man Lazrus, poor as I, when he died he found a home on high.

He had a home in dat Rock, don't you see?

Rich man Dives, he lived so well, don't you see?

When he died he found a home in hell; he had no home in dat Rock.

God gave Noah the rainbow sign. Don't you see?

No more water but fish next time. Better get a home in dat Rock,

Don't you see?

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

Scripture Telling Luke 15:1-10

Sermon *Lost and Found* Rev. Cindy Maybeck

Choir Anthem We Walk by Faith Kenneth T. Kosche (1947)

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear from Christ,
who spoke as none ever spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in His
promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our faith
abound to call on You where You are found: that when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light we may behold You with full and endless sight.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Bread

The Cup

Closing Hymn "*Amazing Grace*" printed in bulletin

Blessing

Closing Song

The Peace of the Earth – words and music 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.

- **We welcome Guest Minister, Rev. Cindy Maybeck this morning.**

A dynamic storyteller and preacher, Rev. Cindy Maybeck began Spirit Story
Ministry to bring God's word to life and to inspire every church to move
forward in faith with hope and joy. Having received master certification from
the Academy for Biblical Storytelling, she tells the Gospel by heart as it was
first told in the early church. A spiritual director, she helps individuals deepen
their walk with Christ. Rev. Maybeck served as pastor for 24 years in UCC
churches in Central Massachusetts. You may learn more about her ministry
and invite her to teach workshops, lead retreats, provide individual spiritual
guidance, or give storytelling presentations www.cindymaybeck.com

- Our Deacon this morning is Sue Parker.
- The altar flowers are given in recognition of our church's ties that bind as we enter transition, by Jeff & Susan Parker.
- **We welcome everyone to join us for “Coffee Hour Fellowship” immediately following Worship!**
- **Thank You Get Together Today!** Stewardship is inviting everyone to a thank you get together at Tuck’s Point, **today Sunday, September 11**. We want to thank all who supported our Church with finances, donations, and time in 2022. Join us for pizza and First Parish Fizzies, 5-7 PM. We hope to see you there!
- Save 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). <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, 978-526-7661 ext. 1.
- You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge [@PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester](https://www.paypal.com/US/m0/charity/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.

- **Manchester Seniors - Drop in for Coffee and Conversation**
Starting September 12th and continuing every Monday 10 AM-12:30 PM (except holidays) at the First Parish Chapel Hall located behind Santander Bank. Hospitality provided by *The Friends of The Manchester Council on Aging*. Come sit down and talk!

- **Use the links below to learn more about First Parish Church online**

Facebook www.facebook.com/FirstParishChurchManchesterMa/

Instagram www.instagram.com/fpcmanchesterbythesea/

Website www.firstparishchurch.org/

YouTube Worship Services

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUvfURhmsH8lfE13FLaRtWcw-pOTC9T2h>

- **Fall Youth and Children's Ministry News**

The School Supplies Drive will launch today, Sunday, September 11 and run through October 9 with a *Blessing of the Supplies*. This benefits Beeman in Gloucester. There will be a bin to collect assorted school supplies outside of the Chapel Hall

Needed:

Backpacks

Number 2 Pencils

Sharpeners

Washable Markers

Composition Books

School Glue

Two Pocket Folders

Ballpoint Pens

Colored Pencils

Pencil Cases

Colored Construction Paper

Thin Dry Erase and Sharpies

Today Sunday, September 11: Sunday School Open House 11:30 AM - 1 PM. Including tours, snacks, a mission opportunity for younger kids (Fall cards for Seniors), and the opportunity to register for Sunday School.

Sunday, September 18: Sunday School Open House, 3-5 PM with the above agenda.

Sunday, September 25: Sunday School Registration with games, snacks, registration, and an opportunity to add to the school supplies drive. This will take place after worship from 11:15 AM - 1 PM.

Sunday, October 2: Sunday School begins with a **Family Sunday**, every Communion Sunday will be a Family Sunday with the children remain for the worship service.

Sunday, October 9: Sunday School classes begin.

Saturday, October 8: CE will host a *Hoops for School Supplies* event. More details on this and Youth Fellowship registration will be coming in the October newsletter. Two monthly meetings—a dinner included discussion topic meeting, games, group mission hands on project and the 2nd a special event - movie, paint night, escape room, trampoline park, ropes day, etc.

- **The Seaside Parish Knitters meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Chapel, from 1-5 pm.** We welcome anyone to stop by anytime during that time and join in.

Over the years we have enjoyed our time knitting and crocheting items for baptismal events at the church, shawls and blankets for friends at home, scarves, neck gators, and helmet liners for our veterans in combat, and mittens and hats for Cape Ann children.

The Seaside Parish Knitters are always looking for knitting needles and yarn that you might be considering “casting” aside, especially wool. Contact Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128.

- **Book Group News** - Did you know we have a book group at First Parish? It is open to anyone and meets on the last Monday of the month.

This is a time for church members as well as non-church friends to come together and engage with one another, build relationships, and share in a discussion of books that are of interest to people of various backgrounds. We have fun visiting, conversing about the book and sharing stories and would love to have you join us!

We are next meeting **September 26, 6:30 PM** at Meredith Tuft's home, 3 Woodholm Circle, Manchester.

We will discuss "*The Remarkably Bright Creatures*" by Shelby Van Pelt. If you haven't seen the video "*The Octopus Teacher*" on TV this would complement the book. Please call Meredith at 978-500-5439 to RSVP if you are attending.

The October gathering will be on October 24th (not the 31st which is Halloween), at Mary Lumsden's home, 18 Woodcrest Rd. Manchester. We will discuss "*The Alice Network*" by Kate Quinn. RSVP to Mary at 978-712-0047.

For questions about Book Group call Mary Ellen Cook 978-500-0018 or the FPC office at 978-526-7661 ext. 1.

- **Thursday- Bible Study** sessions are changing during the pre-interim period. The group will continue their lively discussions each Thursday afternoons, 4 PM, on Zoom using The Daily Word as a resource. For more information or to join in contact Paul Lengieza at 978-526-4765, lengiezap@hotmail.com or contact the FPC office at 978-526-7661 ext. 1.
- The Visiting Nurses Association offers a **VNA health clinic the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month**, 10:00 - noon at the Chapel building. Services offered: health assessments, blood pressure screenings, 812 administration, pulse, heart and lung monitoring, blood sugar screenings for diabetics, medication and diet consults.

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

Drop at the Church before Worship or at the Chapel.

The Open Door and The Grace Center items 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 September –

Instant Breakfast
Cereal & Oatmeal
Soup

- **Jazz Sunday is back on October 2nd**

Once again we'll raise the roof in the Sanctuary, worshiping through jazz and gospel music. Featuring the First Parish Choir and soloist Rebecca Shrimpton, with favorite guest musicians Brian Price (tenor sax), Carolyn Wilkins (piano), Tom Palance (trumpet), Russell Lane (drums), and more.

Come raise a joyful voice with us!

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

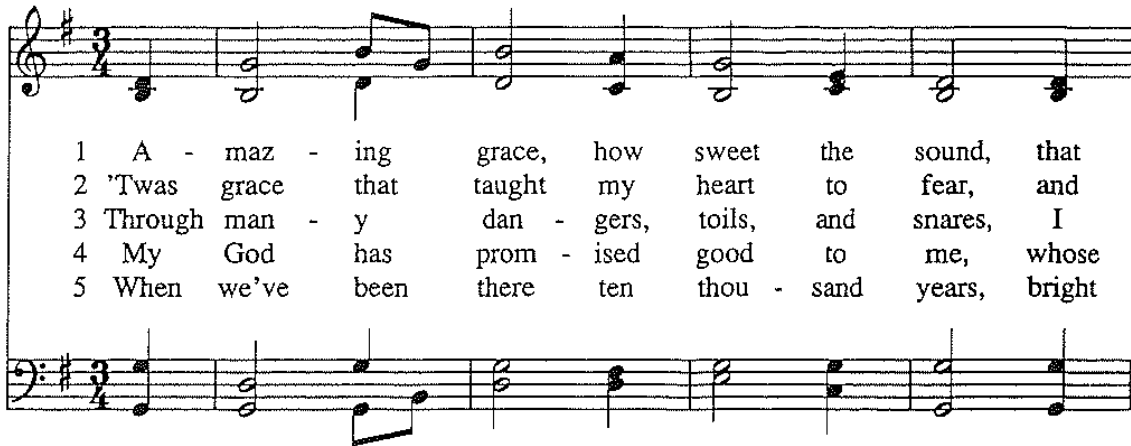
Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
John Wveth's Repository of Sacred Music. 1813

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

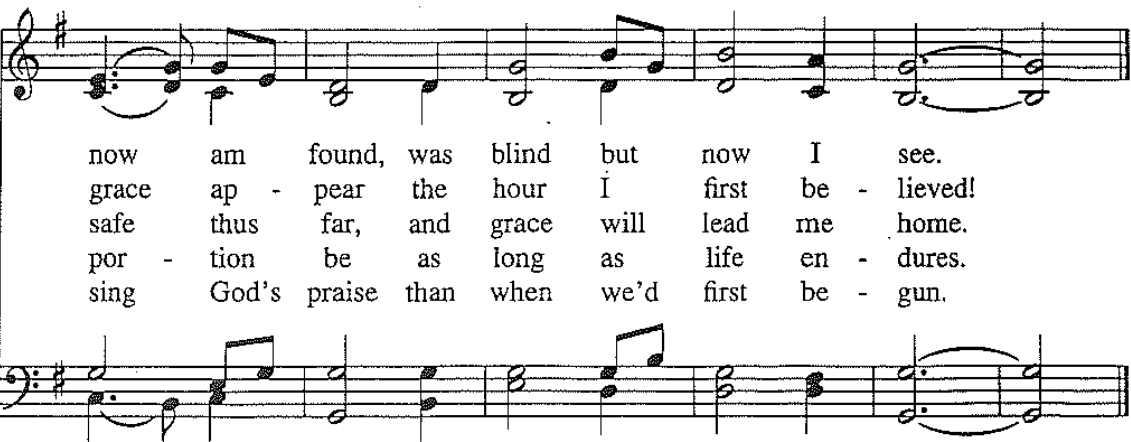
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

- **Upcoming Guest Worship Leaders**

Through our pre-interim period we will have the following worship leaders filling our pulpit-

September 18, Rev. Dave VanArsdale

September 25, Rev. Brian Frederick-Gray

October 2, Rev. Teri Motley

October 9, Jasmine Buchanan, Minister in Discernment

October 16, Rev. Judy Brain

October 23, Gene D'Angelo

October 30, Rev. Jared Hamilton

November 6, Rev. Teri Motley

November 13, Rev. Judy Brain

November 20, Outreach & Service Committee

November 27, Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith

December 4, Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith

December 11, Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith

December 18, Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith

December 24, 5 PM Jeanne Westcott, FPC Director of Youth and

Children's Ministry

December 24, 7 PM Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith

December 25, Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Smith