



**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  
Sunday, October 9, 2022  
10:00 AM**

**Prelude** Come Thou Font of Every Blessing Robert Robinson (1735-1790),  
arr. Linda Hartman

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* New Century Hymnal #386

**Call to Worship**

- L: Beloved, wherever you are on your journey of life and faith,  
**C: Gather in this sacred time and space.**  
L: Come, just as you are, beautifully and wonderfully made.  
**C: Gather in our Creator's steadfast love that endures forever.**  
L: Come, all who seek rest and Sabbath,  
**C: Gather in Christ who will give you renewal.**  
L: Come, all who yearn for justice, hope and peace.  
**C: Gather in the presence of the Spirit who guides us now.**  
L: Come, let us give thanks and worship God!

**Children's Moment** *Blessing of the School Supplies* Jeanne Westcott

**Choir Anthem** Thou Art Worthy Pauline M. Mills (1898-1991)

Thou art worthy, O Lord; to receive glory, glory and honor and power.  
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; and for Thy pleasure  
They are created, for Thou art worthy, O Lord.

**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**

We not only lift up our prayers, we offer our gifts to God. Let us praise God's love with a generous spirit, and share the fruits of our labor and our love. The morning offering will now be received.

**Musical Meditation** La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Reading Matthew 22:34-46 Steve Carhart**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## **Sermon**

**Solo** What a Wonderful World George David Weiss (1921-2010)/Bob Thiele (1922-1996); arr. Eva Cassidy  
Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

I see trees that are green, red roses too, I'll watch them bloom for me and you and I think to myself - what a wonderful world. I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, and they'll learn much more than I'll ever know, and I say to myself - oh what a wonderful world. The colours of the rainbow so pretty in the sky are also on the faces of the people passing by. I see friends shaking hands saying, "How do you do?" but they're really saying, "I love you".

I see trees that are green, and red roses too, I'll watch them bloom for me and you, and I think to myself – oh what a wonderful world. I think to myself – ooh what a wonderful world.

**Closing Hymn** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* New Century Hymnal #454

## **Blessing**

**Closing Song** God Bless You and Keep You Jay Althouse (1951)

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.

**This morning we welcome Jasmine Buchanan, Minister in Discernment, to lead Worship.**

Jaz is incredibly grateful and delighted to be worshipping with First Parish Church! She grew up in New Jersey and graduated from SUNY New Paltz in 2013 with a BA in Women's Studies and English. She then started working in higher education at Columbia University and pursued a MS in Nonprofit Management. Shortly after moving to NYC, Jaz joined and volunteered at Metropolitan Community Church of New York, where she fell in love with parish ministry. She married her beautiful wife Jackie, and they moved with their cat Mr. Bumble to Somerville. After graduating from Harvard Divinity School with a Master of Divinity in 2021, Jaz discerned a call to pursue ordination in the United Church of Christ. Jaz is currently a Member in Discernment with the UCC, and serves as a Pastoral Associate at First Church in Cambridge and as a Minister of Faith Formation and Practice at United Church in Walpole.

**Our Deacon this morning is John Feuerbach.**

**Today, Sunday, October 9:** Sunday School classes begin, Children will leave to go to the Chapel classrooms after the "Children's Moment". Parents are welcome to attend classes with their children this week.

We invite everyone to join us for "Coffee Hour Fellowship" immediately following Worship!

Save the date! **Women's Fellowship Monday, October 17** at 6:30 PM at the Chapel. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Call Mary Ellen with questions.

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>

### **First Parish Staff**

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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](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](https://www.paypal.com/payto?username=@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).

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[Website](#) [www.firstparishchurch.org/](http://www.firstparishchurch.org/)

[YouTube Worship Services](#)

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

**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](mailto: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.

**The Seaside Parish Knitters meets each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. We are always looking for knitting needles and yarn that you might be considering “casting” aside, especially wool. Contact Penny Lapham at 978-526-7128.

### **Fall Youth and Children’s Ministry News**

**Kick Off Dinner** Build community, friendship, and support with dinners, movie nights, community service, escape rooms, retreats and more...Ages 13 – 18 **Sunday, Oct. 16 6:30 - 8 PM.** Questions? Contact Jeanne Westcott, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at [jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com)

**The School Supplies Drive** runs through today, 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.

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

**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 meet on **October 24th** (not the 31st which is Halloween), to discuss **“The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn** at Mary Lumsden’s home, 18 Woodcrest Rd. Manchester. RSVP to Mary at 978-712-0047.

**November 28th** we will discuss **“In the Woods” by Tana French** location TBD.

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

**First Parish is looking for help with streaming** our worship services. Can you volunteer? Full training is provided! Not sure? Sign up to be an assistant to the volunteer who is streaming. We need your help to continue to provide online access to Worship services. Sign up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA822A1F49-sunday2) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA822A1F49-sunday2> or contact Richard Smith at [richard.w.smith@gmail.com](mailto:richard.w.smith@gmail.com).

### **Manchester Seniors - Drop in for Coffee and Conversation**

Starting September 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Our New Online Prayer Wall - Give it a try!**

Request prayers and pray for others through the Prayer Wall on our website.

Feel more connected to the Joys and Concerns of our congregation, and don't wait until the Sunday service to hear what's on each other's hearts. You will be touched to receive notifications every time someone prays for you. <https://www.firstparishchurch.org/prayer-wall/>

**The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door, 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 October**

Disposable cameras                      Writing materials                      Calling Cards

**Upcoming Guest Worship Leaders** Through our pre-interim period we will have the following worship leaders filling our pulpit-

**Today, October 9, Jasmine Buchanan, Minister in Discernment**

October 16, Rev. Judy Brain  
October 23, Dr. 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. Llewellyn Smith  
December 4, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith  
December 11, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith  
December 18, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith  
December 24, 5 PM Jeanne Westcott, FPC Director of Youth and  
                    Children's Ministry  
December 24, 7 PM Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith  
December 25, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn Smith

