



**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, January 15, 2023
10:00 AM**

Prelude Leaning on the Everlasting Arms – Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924), arr. Paul Johnston

Welcome by Deacon Liz Loomis

Hymn The Church's One Foundation #386

Announcements Bethany Woods

Call to Worship Sandy Bodmer Turner

People of God, called to be apostles of Jesus Christ;
gather in the grace and peace that God provides.

**God puts a new song in our mouths;
we will sing of God's wondrous deeds.**

Wait patiently for God, who hears our cries;
put your trust in God's steadfast love.

**God's law is written in our hearts;
we will delight in doing God's will.**

Receive God's saving help with your hearts;
acknowledge God's gifts in all you do.

**God grants us spiritual gifts in abundance;
we will use them for the congregation of God's people.**

Children's Moment (for young and young at heart) Jeanne Westcott
(Children will leave for Sunday School following)

Choir Anthems:

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need – arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh
He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit
back when I forsake His ways. He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths
of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence
is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, Thy
hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with
blessings overflows, Thine all anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, o may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Steal Away – spiritual, arr. Nicholas White

Chorus: Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus, Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

Verse: My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder; the trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Chorus:

Verse: Green trees are bendin', poor sinners stand a-tremblin'; the trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Chorus:

Joys and Concerns Jeff Bodmer Turner

The Lord's Prayer (together)

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 Jeff Bodmer Turner

God does not require sacrifices and burnt offerings, but in our delight to do the will of God we bring our best in thanksgiving and praise. We rejoice in the abundant gifts of God, which enable us to share. Let us generously support our mutual efforts to be faithful to the One who is faithful to us.

Meditation The Gospel Train – spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)
Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

The gospel train is comin', I hear it just at hand. I hear the car wheels rumblin', and rollin' thro' the land. Then get on board, little children (3×), there's room for many a more. I hear the train a-comin', she's comin' 'round the curve, she's loosened all her steam and brakes and strainin' ev'ry nerve. Then get on board, little children (3×), there's room for many a more. The fare is cheap and all can go, the rich and poor are there. No second class about this train, no difference in the fare. Then get on board, little children (3×), there's room for many a more.

Prayer of Dedication (together) Sandy Bodmer Turner

We give you thanks, Faithful God, for the grace poured out on us in Jesus Christ. We are grateful for spiritual and material gifts that equip us to live abundantly. May we, through these offerings, share in your wondrous deeds and announce to the world your saving help. Amen.

Scripture Chip Price

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Piano Solo Andante, from Piano Concerto #2 in F, op. 102 -Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Choir Anthems:

Wondrous Love – Austin Lovelace (1919-2010)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this! O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I am, while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I will sing, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

Irish Blessing – traditional, arr. Bob Chilcott (1955)

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you ever in the palm of His hand.

Hymn When Peace Like a River #438

Closing Song The Peace of the Earth - 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.

Our Deacon this morning is Liz Loomis.

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.

To join our mailing list, fill out a "Welcome Card" to place in the collection plate.

Learn more about First Parish online:

Facebook www.facebook.com/FirstParishChurchManchesterMa/

Instagram www.instagram.com/fpcmanchesterbythesea/

Website www.firstparishchurch.org/

YouTube [Worship Services](#)

Thursday Spiritual Study Join in a lively discussion, Thursdays, 4 PM, on Zoom using The Daily Word as a resource. Questions or to join in contact office.fpchurch@gmail.com.

Contribute to the work of First Parish Church by going to <http://www.PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester> and clicking the "send" button.

Our **FPCC Compassion child**, Chepkirwok needs supporters for 2023, [sign up now](#), questions can be directed to Sue Parker, sueparker33@aol.com.

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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First Parish is looking for help with streaming. 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](#) or contact Richard Smith at richard.w.smith@gmail.com.

Our 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 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/>

Book Group News 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! Questions? Call Mary Ellen Cook 978-500-0018. **January 30, 6:30 PM “The Two-Family House” by Lynda Cohen Loigman**, meeting at Mary Ellen's home, 23 Harold St. Please call Mary Ellen to RSVP for planning purposes.

It isn't too late to donate to our Annual Fund Drive! It is the time of year when the Stewardship Committee and the Board of Trustees work together to plan the upcoming year and the yearly budget. Our Church budget is dependent upon your pledges, thank you for your generosity!

Health clinic the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 10:00 - noon at the Chapel building, by The Visiting Nurses Association. Services offered include health assessments, blood pressure screenings, B12 administration, pulse, heart and lung monitoring, blood sugar screenings for diabetics, medication and diet consults. Drop in, free.

The Outreach and Service collection continues drop any of these items at the Church before Worship or at the Chapel, there is a box outside the Church Office door.

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

Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Vegetables and Fruits

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 January Cookies, Candies, Sweets

Manchester Seniors - No coffee Monday, Jan. 16 due to the holiday.

Drop in *for Coffee and Conversation* Mondays 10 AM-12:30 PM (except holidays) at the First Parish Hall located behind Santander Bank.

Hospitality provided by *The Friends of The Manchester Council on Aging*. Come sit down and talk!

The Seaside Parish Knitters meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday (Jan 5 & 19) of the month at the Chapel, from 1-5 pm. We welcome all to stop by anytime during that time. 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.

You Are Invited to Participate in the Stephen Ministry at First Parish

There are many ways to participate depending upon your gifts and availability, so if you think you might be interested, please feel free to just attend and listen.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, call Linda Crosby at 978-314-1526 or Steve Carhart at 978-407-8454.