



**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, Jazz Sunday
Sunday, February 19, 2023
10:00 AM**

Prelude Music in the Narthex with Brian Price, tenor saxophone, and Tom Palance, trumpet.

Join us in singing "We Are Marching in the Light of God/Siyahamba" as Brian and Tom enter the Sanctuary.

Welcome Susan Parker.

Opening Hymn "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" African American Spiritual #2

Call to Worship

Come together, everyone and bring your stories and sing your songs and share in the Spirit. Let your feelings paint the sky like a rainbow of banners and balloons. Let your thoughts fill the air and come to life in bodies of sound ringing out like a song to which the whole world will be dancing. And let even the silence speak with 1000 voices in tribute to our loving, living God and in celebration of our lives; the priceless gift God has given us.

Anthem "St. James Infirmary/Let Her Rise" Traditional blues, new & adapted lyrics by R. Shrimpton
Jazz Ensemble and Rebecca Shrimpton, voice

I went down along the river, saw my country there.
She was stretched out in broken pieces, so cold, so still, so fair.
Let her go, let her go, God bless her. Too much sorrow everywhere.
Too many broken dreams, dear Lord, for one poor heart to bear.
I walked out across the country, stood among our people there.
Then hand in hand and heart by heart we reclaimed her from despair.
Let her rise, let her rise, God bless her. The load is light when we all share.
With faith in God and in each other, hands can reach and hearts can dare.

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

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we receive our morning offering.

Music Meditation “Cristo Redentor” by Duke Pearson (1932-1980)
First Parish Choir and Jazz Ensemble

Prayer of Dedication

O Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek New Hope. As part of the global village, we care about all of our sisters and brothers. We pray for disarmament and World Peace, for liberty to those oppressed, for joy to those who are weary. In honor of our sovereign God, Amen.

Scripture Reading Lynda Griffiths

Matthew 17:1-13

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’ ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, ‘Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?’ ¹¹ He replied, ‘Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; ¹² but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.’ ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

Sermon “You are clueless, but I still love you” Rev. Kurt Herber

Anthem "I'll Fly Away" African American Spiritual
First Parish Choir and Jazz Ensemble

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away
Chorus: Well, I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.
When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. Chorus.
Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. Chorus.

Closing Hymn "When the Saints Go Marching In" African American
Spiritual (printed in bulletin)

Call and Response leader
Blessing

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of our mothers and fathers,

We thank you that you make yourself known to us.

For Moses, the burning Bush was a sign of your presence. Peter, James, and John saw you in Jesus when he was transfigured and shone as bright as the sun. Your people at Pentecost knew your spirit had come near, descending in tongues of flame. We yearn mysterious God, for clear signs of your presence, for fiery epiphanies and not faint glimmers. We would like to live by certain knowledge and not by faith. Yet we know that the faithful have gone out trusting in you, not knowing where you were leading, and that we too must live in faith. Teach us, God, to trust the still, small voice as well as fire and Thunder. Take our hands and stay beside us, that we may follow your will as far as we understand it. Heal our sorrows; calm our fears; set us on sure paths. Help us to be your people indeed, through the presence, the word, and the example of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response "Bourbon Street Parade" by Paul Barbarin (1899-1969)

Let's fly down or drive down to New Orleans.

That city, so pretty, historic scenes.

I'll take you, parade you, down Bourbon Street.

You'll see all the hot spots, you'll meet all the hot shots,

Down on Bourbon Street.

Welcome to our guest musicians this morning.

Brian Price, tenor saxophone

Multi-instrumentalist Brian Price's calendar is full of a great variety of musical projects, performing primarily on tenor saxophone, bass clarinet, and clarinet. Recent gigs in the New York and Boston area have included both long-standing collaborations and new projects with Cooper-Moore, Tom Palance, Nick Consone, Joe Pino, the Arcanauts, Charlie Kohlhas's Explorer's Club, and Moon Soul. Brian has played throughout the United States and Europe with Cooper-Moore as well as a member of the Lost and Wandering Blues and Jazz Band. His schedule ranges from theatres to clubs to community non-profit groups. He grew up playing music with his father and was mentored on saxophone and bass clarinet by Leonard Hochman.

Thomas M. Palance, trumpet

Tom is known for versatility as a trumpet player and as an innovative teacher. He retired from the U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C. after 20 years, holding the positions of assistant principal trumpet and soloist with the Commodores Jazz Band. He has also created collaborative artistic projects using animators, dancers, artists, photographers, and poets. Presently, Tom is Assistant Professor of Harmony at Berklee College of Music and continues to perform, compose and conduct.

Rebecca Shrimpton, vocalist

Acclaimed as a "simply exquisite vocalist," Rebecca has been praised in DownBeat magazine, All Music Guide, All About Jazz, All About Jazz Italia, and Britain's Jazzwise magazine. She has performed and recorded with Joe Lovano, Steve Lacy, Oliver Lake, George Russell, George Lewis, and blues organist Mike Finnigan, as well as the 22-piece Jazz Composers Alliance Orchestra. Also a classical mezzo soprano, Rebecca is soloist at First Parish Church and is Associate Professor of Voice at Berklee College of Music.

Carolyn Wilkins, piano

A jazz pianist and vocalist, Carolyn has been an active participant in the Boston music scene for over 20 years as a performer, educator and composer. She has performed on radio and television with her group SpiritJazz and toured South America as a Jazz Ambassador for the US State Department performing with the Pittsburgh Symphony under Andre Previn. A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and Eastman School of Music, Carolyn is Professor at Berklee College of Music and author of several books, including *Damn Near White: An African American Family's Journey from Slavery to Bittersweet Success* (University of Missouri Press) and *Melody for Murder: A Bertie Bigelow Mystery*

Dave Landoni, bass

Dave received his B.A. from Berklee College of Music. He has played and recorded with jazz artists Herb Pomeroy, NEA Jazz Master vocalist Sheila Jordan, Terrell Stafford, Jens Lidemann of the Canadian Brass, the Artie Shaw Orchestra under the direction of Dick Johnson, Mike Renzi, and Eugene Maslov. David maintains a private teaching studio and is on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Russell Lane, drums

A Marblehead resident, Russell is a long-time friend and guest percussionist at First Parish. He has performed in Dave Brubeck's "Mass, To Hope! A Celebration" with the Paul Madore Chorale. He also plays with indie rock and folk groups in the Boston/North Shore area, including The Willows. A retired software engineer, Russell is looking forward to devoting even more time to his music.

Our Deacon this morning is Susan Parker.

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

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.

Sunday School meets in the first classroom on the right in the Sunday School wing in the Chapel building. After the Children's Message in the 10:00 am Sunday Service, the children and teachers walk to the Chapel building for prayer, story, song, games, art, and fellowship. We use a multi-age group model allowing older children to serve as models and assistants for younger ones. Each lesson reflects on biblical ideologies that can be applied to real life, such as caring for others, making good choices and accepting responsibility for mistakes. Sunday School is available for children ages 3-12. Registration can be done by contacting Jeanne Westcott, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, at jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday, begins the sacred season of Lent, the period of remembering, reflecting and recommitting ourselves. The First Parish Sanctuary will be open and Rev. Herber, will be available to distribute ashes from 11 AM-1 PM and again from 4:30-6:30 PM to all who wish to receive them, whether they are members of First Parish or not. We will also hold an Ash Weds. Worship at 7 PM.

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.

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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[YouTube Worship Services](#)

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

The Seaside Parish Knitters meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday (Feb 2 & 16) of the month at the Chapel, from 1-5 pm. We welcome all 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.

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>

or contact Richard Smith at richard.w.smith@gmail.com.

Visiting Nurses Health Clinic, free. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 10 - 11:45 AM at First Parish Chapel Hall. 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.

Book Group 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! Book Group meets on the last Monday of the month and hosting is shared among members.

Monday, Feb. 27, 6 PM we will discuss “Leaving Lucy Pear” by Anna Solomon at Mary Lumsden’s home, 18 Woodcrest Rd. Manchester. RSVP to Mary at 978-500-4571 for planning purpose.

A big, heartrending novel about the entangled lives of two women in 1920s New England, both mothers to the same unforgettable girl. One night in 1917 Beatrice Haven sneaks out of her uncle's house on Cape Ann, Massachusetts, leaves her newborn baby at the foot of a pear tree, and watches as another woman claims the infant as her own. The unwed daughter of wealthy Jewish industrialists and a gifted pianist bound for Radcliffe, Bea plans to leave her shameful secret behind and make a fresh start. Ten years later, Prohibition is in full swing, post-WWI America is in the grips of rampant xenophobia, and Bea's hopes for her future remain unfulfilled. She returns to her uncle's house, seeking a refuge from her unhappiness. But she discovers far more when the rum-running manager of the local quarry inadvertently reunites her with Emma Murphy, the headstrong Irish Catholic woman who has been raising Bea's abandoned child—now a bright, bold, cross-dressing girl named Lucy Pear, with secrets of her own. In mesmerizing prose, award-winning author Anna Solomon weaves together an unforgettable group of characters as their lives collide on the New England coast. Set against one of America's most turbulent decades, Leaving Lucy Pear delves into questions of class, freedom, and the meaning of family, establishing Anna Solomon as one of our most captivating storytellers. goodreads

Monday, March 27, 6 PM, at Jill Auld’s home, 53H Trask St. Beverly. Members are encouraged to car pool due to limited parking. RSVP to Jill for planning purpose at dsajill1@yahoo.com. “Mad Honey” by Jodi Picoult will be discussed.

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 led by Rev. Kurt Herber, Thursdays, 4 PM, on Zoom. Beginning again February 16. The Zoom link to join in is sent on Thursday mornings. Questions can be directed to Rev. Herber at 603-520-8602.

Manchester Seniors - Drop in for Coffee and Conversation

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

The Outreach and Service collection continues 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

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 February Crossword puzzles, books, playing cards, electronic games.

Our New Online Prayer Wall - Give it a try!

Request prayers and pray for others through the Prayer Wall on our website. A few of us have given it a "test drive," and we've found it to be a spiritually deepening and enlivening addition to our lives. We feel more connected to the Joys and Concerns of our congregation, and don't have to wait until the Sunday service to hear what's on each other's hearts. And we've been touched to receive notifications every time someone prays for us. <https://www.firstparishchurch.org/prayer-wall/>

A **Stephen Minister's** objective is not to "solve" the challenge but rather to ensure that none feel alone in their struggles. (Jesus, after all, did not come to "fix" all of our challenges, but rather to be with us in our struggles.) At the same time, the Stephen Ministry in a congregation develops a network of specialized services suitable to assist individuals with specific problems. For example, someone struggling with alcoholism would be introduced to a local AA group, while the Stephen Minister would continue to meet with that individual as a friend and witness. For the near term, as the leadership is trained and the program develops, our intention is to augment the work of the Care Team, support Rev. Kurt, and develop our network of local services to which we can refer people for specialized support. Our tentative expectation is that during the current program year we will assist people within the congregation, with the goal of offering a fully trained and developed service to the broader local community in the following program year. Currently the group meets virtually at 5 pm the first and third Tuesdays of each month to develop the program. In person training and social events will follow! There are many ways to participate depending upon your gifts and availability, so if you think you might be interested, email scarh10428@aol.com to receive and email Zoom invitation. If you would like to discuss call Linda Crosby at 978-314-1526 or Steve Carhart at 978-407-8454.

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

Brightly

mf **F**

1. And when the saints go march - ing in, And when the
gath - er round the throne, And when they

C7 **F**

saints go march - ing in, How I want to
gath - er round the throne, How I want to

F7 **Bb** **Bbm** **F**

be in their num - ber, When the saints go
be in their num - ber, When they gath - er

C7 **F** **F** **Fine**

march - ing in. 2. And when they
round the throne. in.
rit. molto

3. And when they crown Him King of Kings. . .
4. And on that Hallelujah Day. . .
5. And when the saints go marching in. . .