



**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, June 18, 2023, 10 AM  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day**

**Prelude** Wayfaring Stranger – spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome** by Barbara Smith, Deacon

**Call to Worship**

One: Gracious and generous God, we seek to honor you with our worship. You are wisdom and power; you are holiness and love. In every way you surpass our knowledge and imagination.

**All: Accept our thanks and praise.**

One: You are good, O God, and you are good to us. You have spoken the word of creation, redemption, and guidance, and have given us life. You have granted us your presence and an invitation to draw near. You have offered us the welcome of forgiven sin and restored relationship. By your grace, you have made us your very own.

**All: Gathered as your people, we offer not only thanks and praise, but minds, hearts, abilities, and wills. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

**Hymn** Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove NCH #281

**A Celebration of Our Fathering Figures**

**Children's Moment (for young and young at heart)** Jeanne Westcott

**Solo** Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? – Spiritual,  
arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Paul Knox, solo

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel?

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man? He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, and why not every man? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, Deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man?

The wind blows east and the wind blows west – it blows like the judgment day, and every poor soul that never did pray will be glad to pray that day. Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel?

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man? I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship it begin to sail. It landed over me on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back anymore. Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man?

## **Prayer Intentions**

### **Pastoral and Silent Prayers.**

#### **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**

**Meditation** My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord – spiritual, arr. Florence Price  
Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

In the Lord, in the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. Before I'd stay in hell one day, my soul's been anchored in the Lord; I'd sing and pray myself away. My soul's been anchored in the Lord; O Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. I'm going to pray and never stop, my soul's been anchored in the Lord; until I've reached the mountain top, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. O Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord; O Lord, my Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. In the Lord, in the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. In the Lord, in the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord; God knows my soul's been anchored in the Lord!

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**As we give to you, open our eyes to see the wider family; our ears to hear the cries of hurting, hungry people; our hearts to experience the extravagantly generous love you pour down on us. We pray in the name of your son, our brother, Jesus. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading Matthew 10:32-42 Steve Carhart

<sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

## Sermon "A Cup of Cool Water, When Things get Hot!" Rev. Dr. Dave VanArsdale

**Anthem** Canticle of Fellowship – Craig Courtney (1948), text from Col. 3:12-14, and John Fawcett

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Forgive each other as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Before the throne we pour our prayers; our hopes are one, our comforts and our cares. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; we shall still be joined in, joined in heart, and hope to meet again. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love.

From sorrow, toil, and pain and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and joy shall reign throughout eternity. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love.

**Hymn** God's Eye Is on the Sparrow NCH #475

### **Blessing**

**Closing Song** May It Be – Eithne Ni Bhraonain (1961), arr. Mark Brymer; from 'The Lord of the Rings'

May it be an evening star shines down upon you. May it be when darkness falls, your heart will be true. You walk a lonely road, oh, how far you are from home. Mornie u tulie\*. Believe and you will find your way. Mornie alantie\*\*. A promise lives within you now. May it be the shadow's call will fly away. May it be your journey on to light the day. When the night is overcome, you may rise to find the sun. Mornie u tulie\*. Believe and you will find your way. Mornie alantie\*\*. A promise lives within you now.

\*translation: darkness has come

\*\* translation: darkness has fallen

**Our Deacon this morning is Barbara Smith.**

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 church, feel free to ask a Deacon should you need help.

**Our Preacher today is Rev. Dr. David VanArsdale.** Dave retired in 2013 after 41 years in ministry, which started with Ordination in Edwards U.C.C. in Framingham and concluded as Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City, AZ. Ellen and Dave have become a part of the South Church (U.C.C.) in Andover since moving six years ago from Arizona to the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover. Dave is now serving as the Chair of the Council on Aging for North Andover.

**Today we honor the First Parish Choir members, present and past.** They have accumulated a long and stellar record of music making for the Church. Also, we honor those who have led them in the past.

**Our current Choir members:**

**Soprano**

Mary Ellen Cook, Marty Farmer, Diane Houghton, Maggie Michael, Rebecca Shrimpton

**Alto**

Lauren Gudonis, Betsy Nickless, Penny Lapham, Lelly Smith, Pam Spencer

**Tenor**

Simone Argento, Jim Brennan, George Nickless

**Bass**

Adrian Argento, Paul Knox, John Round

**Past Choir Members:**

Kyra Ahlin, Anne Allen, Bert Allen, Steve Armington, John Ashton, Laura Bailey, Rob Beatty, Meredith Browne, William Cain, Jr., Herman Calnek, Carol Christensen, Anna Crocker, Will Dame, Randy Diggle, Alice Eastland, Nate Elfinger, Laura Ells, Bob Evans, Melissa Glaister, Carol Graham, Dick Greenleaf, Roger Greenslet, Leah Hamilton, Jack Hamor, Elda Harlow, Eleanor Harnden, Sue Harrington, Shirley Hatch-Ralston, Jan Ireton, Diana Jacklin, Robert Jermain, Carrie Kennison, Mary Kirby, Allison Leahy, Larry Love, Jack Meigs, Doris Milne, Alice Newman, Truth Nickerson, Bobbie Nickless, Ted Nickless, Mary Lou O'Brien, Ada Olson, Jen Powers, Mary Saunders, Rachel Sawyer, Jay Schlaiker, Robert Smallman, George Smith, Michael Spillane, Annette Sussie, Jeff Ward, John Warner, Bruce Warren, Barbara Watson, Theresa Weinheimer, Shirley Wilkinson

**Organist-Choir Directors**

Dr. Herman Weiss (2019-present)

Donald Dunn (1996-2019)

Bernice (Baker) Lipsett (1934-1996)

**Choir Director**

Mrs. Samuel Crocker (1925-1939)

**Adjunct Organist - Choir Director**

Bonnie Anderson (current)

**Sunday, June 25, 10 AM Worship at Tuck's Point**, with lunch provided by the Vitality Committee following. Come for worship and stay to enjoy visiting with your Church family!

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.

**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>

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

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Instagram [www.instagram.com/fpcmanchesterbythesea/](https://www.instagram.com/fpcmanchesterbythesea/)

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

YouTube Worship Services

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

**You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge @PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester**

[Click to read](#) the most recent edition of **The Church Bell Newsletter**.

**Thursday Bible Study with Elsa Marshall 4 PM** Join in a lively discussion, Thursdays, 4 PM, on Zoom. The link to join is sent each Thursday morning. Questions contact [office.fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:office.fpchurch@gmail.com).

### **First Parish Staff**

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### **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!

**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. Free and open to all.

**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/>

### **Summer Program announcements:**

#### **Breakfast Buddies: Heroic Women of Faith**

Designed for a team of an adult and toddler, Breakfast Buddies meets from 8-9:30 each day for one week, July 17 -21. This year we will meet 5 heroic and iconic women from the Bible who played a vital role in the Christian story. Each session features a themed breakfast, three or more activities, an art experience, and a special surprise! The program is free of charge and preregistration is required.

**The First Parish Third Annual Art Show, “Simplicity, Serenity and Sanctuary”,** will be open for visitors July 23-29 with art being accepted in five age categories, beginning July,15. Submissions can be of any medium and any size. Artists aged 3-199 are encouraged to submit. Art will be judged, and prizes awarded in First and Second place in each category! Get out your crayons and explore the joy creating art can provide!

**Our Bible Experiences week, (otherwise known as VBS)** will run August 14-18 from 4-7 pm. Dinner will be served to participants ages 6-12, when they register for “Safe and Secure: Dressed In Armor”. Each session will offer story, music, movement, art, mindfulness exercises, games and creative writing.



Youth ages 14-16 may apply to attend as junior counselors and adult volunteers are needed. Preregistration is required.

Questions can be sent to Jeanne at [jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com).

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](mailto:richard.w.smith@gmail.com).

The **Seaside Parish Knitters** meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday (June 1 & 15) 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.

**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, July 10, 6:30 PM** (note the change in date for the summer!) at Liz Loomis' home, 34 Bennett St. Manchester. RSVP to Liz for planning purposes at [loomisliz@hotmail.com](mailto:loomisliz@hotmail.com) “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks will be discussed. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up

arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

New York City, 1954, Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance. Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. *goodreads*

**Monday, August 28, 6:30 PM** place TBD *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder will be discussed. In *Rough Sleepers*, Tracy Kidder shows how one person can make a difference, as he tells the story of Dr. Jim O'Connell, a man who invented ways to create a community of care for a city's unhoused population, including those who sleep on the streets—the “rough sleepers.” When Jim O'Connell graduated from Harvard Medical School and was nearing the end of his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, the chief of medicine made a proposal: Would he defer a prestigious fellowship and spend a year helping to create an organization to bring health care to homeless citizens? Jim took the job because he felt he couldn't refuse. But that year turned into his life's calling. Tracy Kidder spent five years following Dr. O'Connell and his colleagues as they served their thousands of homeless patients. In this book, we travel with O'Connell as he navigates the city, offering medical care, socks, soup, empathy, humor, and friendship to some of the city's most vulnerable citizens. He emphasizes a style of medicine in which patients come first, joined with their providers in what he calls “a system of friends.” *goodreads*

**The Stephen Ministry.** The team is currently working closely with the Outreach & Service Committee and the Care Team on this project. There are many ways to participate depending upon your gifts and availability, so if you think you might be interested, email [scarh10428@aol.com](mailto:scarh10428@aol.com) to receive and email Zoom invitation. If you would like to discuss the program in greater detail, call Linda Crosby at 978-314-1526 or Steve Carhart at 978-407-8454.

