



**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
August 20, 2023, 9 AM**

**Dr. Bonnie Anderson and Dr. Herman Weiss, duo-pianists
Dr. Bonnie Anderson, flute**

Prelude – from Serenade in G, K.V. 525 (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik): Romanza – W. A. Mozart

Welcome by Deacon Janet Groth

Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, we are called:

People: Called to follow Jesus.

Leader: Called to move, as he did, among the people;

To feel with them;

To care for them;

To touch them and be touched by them

People: Called to name, as he did the oppressions that destroy our world:

Those that we already know about, and those we have not yet learned to recognize;

Leader: Called to discern those gifts of life God has hidden deep within each one of us.

People: Called to discover and to share those gifts of our hearts, our hands, our whole selves.

Leader: Called to follow Jesus,

People: and yes, we can answer; we can follow, because we have been first called to love

Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore You NCH #4

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

Prayer Intentions

Time of Spoken Prayer

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.

Duet – from “Trois Morceaux en forme de Poire (3 Pieces in the shape of a Pear)
– Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Allez Moderement (moderate speed); Enleve (lifting off)

Invitation to the Offering

Let us give,
as each is able
according to the blessings God has given us.

Meditation - from ‘Suite in A Minor’: Air a l’Italien – Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681-17767)

Dr. Bonnie Anderson, flute

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, blessed are you, who entrust to our care the richness of creation. Through our offerings, we return to you a portion of that which you have given us. May they be a means of serving you in the mission to which you have called us through Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Jim Turner

¹² Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Sermon “Sabbath as Saving Grace” Vince Maraventano

Duets – from ‘Legends’, op. 59: Silent Woods

From ‘Slavonic Dances’: #6, in A – Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Hymn I've Got Peace Like a River NCH #478

Blessing

May the strong arms of God protect you

May the deep peace of Christ be with you, and

May the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way;

God is with us now and always

Our Deacon this morning is Janet Groth.

We are pleased to welcome Vince Maraventano to our pulpit today. Vince served as the Executive Director of Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light for eleven years before he retired. Mass IPL fulfills its mission of providing a religious response to climate change by providing energy audits to houses of worship and advocating for strong climate change laws and policies. Before that Vince was Senior Counsel at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for thirteen years. He has a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School.

Music Notes:

Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik was composed in 1787. It has become one of Mozart's best known works. Originally constructed in 4 movements for string ensemble, its movements (particularly the outer ones) are known to the larger public in commercials (cars, junk food, etc). It was not published until 1827.

Erik Satie was a composer who followed Claude Debussy in the pantheon of French composers whose music spanned the late 19th and early 20th century. In much the manner in which Debussy's style stood as something of an antidote to late 19th century Wagnerian late romanticism Satie became the harbinger of the ‘Dadaist’ movement in music, which reacted against an emphasis on classical prototypes. Composers such as Mihaud, Talliefferre, Auric, Ravel and Poulenc were strongly influenced by Satie's irreverent and often eccentric approach to composing.

Georg Phillip Telemann was an important figure in the history of Baroque music. He tended to write music that was utilitarian and attractive. He was offered the Cantorship for St. Thomas in Leipzig but turned it down, only to have the position offered to J. S. Bach (pretty good runner-up). Interestingly his music was considered much more accessible than Bach's in its time (still is).

Antonin Dvorak had a very long career in composing, which included several years in New York City where he mentored the composer Harry Burleigh, who produced several gospel arrangements (many of which we do here at First Parish). During his time stateside Dvorak composed his Symphony #9 ('from the New World'). He also was known also as a composer of tone poems (freely composed music depicting nature scenes and mythological characters). The Slavonic Dances, which stand as a companion to the Brahms Hungarian Dances, are possibly his best known pieces.

We welcome Bonnie Anderson, our guest musician, this morning. Bonnie Anderson has a varied career as chamber pianist, orchestral pianist, soloist, and teacher of students ages 12-88. She enjoys collaborating with musicians from the Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and San Francisco Symphony. Highlights of her collaborations include performing Hindemith's Trio for Saxophone, Viola and Piano with Branford Marsalis and Christof Huebner on the Nantucket Island Musical Arts Society Series, recital with Joseph Foley on the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra "Unleashed Series" in Houston, and concerts with her Piano Duo partner Stella Owen around New England.

As orchestral pianist, Bonnie is a member of Orchestra of Indian Hill and performs as guest pianist with Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, Concord Orchestra, and Portland Symphony. An enthusiastic educator, Bonnie teaches at Phillips Andover Academy and was previously on the faculty at UMass Lowell. This year's projects include outdoor concerts on two keyboards with her Piano Duo, solo recitals of her solo arrangements of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, and concerts with her new Piano Trio. Bonnie's recordings include a solo piano disc featuring French composers and a collaborative disc (Nightsongs) with trumpeter Joseph Foley. Bonnie attended the Juilliard School, Michigan State University, French Piano Institute in Paris and received her DMA from Boston University. She lives in Manchester with her family and two golden retrievers.

Altar Flowers With gardens and yards now in bloom, please consider creating an arrangement for the FPCC altar...it does not need to be large or tall...and can be as simple as you wish...just from your yard would be a beautiful gift to share. Call Penny Lapham 978-526-7128.

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.

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Website www.firstparishchurch.org/

YouTube Worship Services

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

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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.

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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 Request prayers and pray for others through the Prayer Wall on our website. You will be touched to receive notifications every time someone prays for you. <https://www.firstparishchurch.org/prayer-wall/>

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.

Book Group We are skipping our August 28th meeting and giving everyone the summer to read all those books that are in your pile. Please come back in September with some suggestions for books in the coming year. We will choose for the year! Happy reading! Our next book group will be on **September 25th** at 6:30 PM at Mary Lumsden's home at 18 Woodcrest Road, Manchester. Rough Sleepers by Tracy Kidder will be discussed.

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.

The Stephen Ministry. 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 the program in greater detail, call Linda Crosby at 978-314-1526 or Steve Carhart at 978-407-8454.

The Outreach and Service Collections Continue - 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 Needs June, July, August -Powdered drink mixes- Gatorade, iced tea, lemonade, Dry fruits & nuts, Hard candy, Beef Jerky, Flip Flops, Shower wash, Razors and toiletries.

Faith Formation is collecting school supplies, to benefit the Beeman School of Gloucester, the sales are currently on! If you are out and about, please consider the following to add - Spiral bound notebooks (not college ruled), Pencils, Pens, Washable Markers in thin and thin variety, Composition notebooks, Crayons in 24 pack size, Small staplers and staples, Paper clips, Dry Erase markers, Sharpies (for teachers), Construction paper, Sketch pads, Index cards, Pink Pearl Erasers. Any assorted Art Supplies: like paint brushes, washable paint, craft foam sheets, stickers, glitter glue. Let's support our educators and students by limiting their needs and preparing them for success!