



**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  
Summer Worship August 25, 2024  
9:00 am

**Ringling of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles**

**Prelude Wall Street Rag – Scott Joplin (1868 -1917)**

*Please maintain a prayerful quiet during the prelude as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

**\* Call to Worship Psalm 150**

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary;

**Many: Praise God in God's mighty firmament!**

One: Praise God for God's mighty deeds;

**Many: Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

One: Praise God with trumpet sound, with lute and harp, with tambourine and dance and loud clashing cymbals;

**Many: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

**Welcome**

*First Parish Church is rooted in the Congregational tradition of democratic governance and the full inclusion and participation of all who call this their spiritual home. We take seriously the responsibility to make the Christian faith our own in this time and place and seek to live lives of generous service.*

**\*Hymn Morning Has Broken (see insert)– Scottish Gaelic Tune; lyrics by Eleanor Farjeon**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Song** Blackbird – John Lennon (1940-1980) & Paul McCartney 1942)  
Simone Argento & Katherine Schofield, vocals; Paul Knox, guitar  
Blackbird singing in the dead of night, take these broken wings and learn to fly. All your life, you were only waiting for the moment to arise. Blackbird singing in the dead of night, take these sunken eyes and learn to see. All your life, you were only waiting for the moment to be free. Blackbird fly, blackbird fly into the night of the dark black night.

## **Prayer Intentions**

### **Pastoral 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.

## **Meditation** Blowin' in the Wind -Bob Dylan (1941)

Simone Argento & Paul Knox, vocals/guitar; Katherine Schofield, vocals

How many roads must a man walk down before they call him a man? How many seas must a white dove sail before she sleeps in the sand? How many times must the cannonballs fly before they're forever banned? The answer my friend is blowing in the wind. The answer is blowing in the wind. How many years must a mountain exist before it is washed to the sea? How many years can some people exist before they're allowed to be free? How many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see? The answer.... How many times must a man look up before he can see the sky? How many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry? How many deaths will it take till he knows that too many people have died? The answer....

## **Scripture Reading** Betsy Nickless

### **Psalms 84**

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints,

for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup> As they go through the valley of Baca,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

### **1 Corinthians 6: 19 -20**

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**Sermon “ Sanctuary ” Rev. Katherine Schofield**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

**Song** End of the Line - Traveling Wilburys (written in 1988)

Simone Argentio & Paul Knox, vocals/guitar; Katherine Schoffield, vocals

Well it's alright, riding around in the breeze. Well it's alright, if you live the life you please. Well it's alright, doing the best you can. Well it's alright, long as you lend a hand. You can sit around and wait for the phone to ring (at the end of the line). Waiting for someone to tell you everything. Sit around and wonder what tomorrow'll bring. Maybe a diamond ring. Well it's alright, even if they say you're wrong. Well it's alright, sometimes you gotta be strong. Well it's alright, if you got someone to lay with. Well it's alright, every day is just one day. Maybe somewhere down the road a ways, you'll think of me and wonder where I am these days. Maybe when somebody plays Purple Haze. Well it's alright, even when push comes to shove. Well it's alright, if you got someone to love. Well it's alright, everything'll work out fine. Well it's alright, going to the end of the line. Don't have to be ashamed of the car I drive. I'm just glad to be here, happy to be alive, and it don't matter if you're by my side, I'm satisfied. Well it's alright, even if you're old and gray. Well it's alright, you still got something to say. Well it's alright, remember to live and let live. Well it's alright, the best you can do is forgive. Well it's alright, riding around in the breeze. Well it's alright, if you live the life you please. Well it's alright, even if the sun don't shine. Well it's alright, we're going to the end of the line.

**\* Doxology #780 NCH**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Hymn** Over My Head, #514, NCH

**\* Blessing**

**Closing Song** The Peace of the Earth – words and music 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.

\*Indicates the congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

**Our Deacon is Barbara Smith .**

**Many thanks this morning go to Paul Knox, our baritone soloist who chose and organized the vocal pieces for this service. We also thank Simone Argento and Rev. Katherine Schofield for their participation.**

**Music notes:**

"Wall Street Rag" is a ragtime composition by Scott Joplin, first published in 1909. As indicated by the title, the theme is based on Wall Street following the events surrounding the Panic of 1907. Unlike most of his rags during this time, this composition is based on a major historical event and features footnotes unique to the theme of this piece.

"Blackbird" is a song by the English rock band the Beatles from their 1968 double album The Beatles (also known as "the White Album"). It was written by Paul McCartney and credited to Lennon –McCartney, and performed as a solo piece by McCartney. When discussing the song, McCartney has said that the lyrics were inspired by hearing the call of a blackbird in Rishikesh, India, and by the civil rights movement in the Southern United States.

"Blowin' in the Wind" is a song written by Bob Dylan in 1962. It was released as a single and included on his album The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan in 1963. It has been described as a protest song and poses a series of rhetorical questions about peace, war, and freedom.

Traveling Wilburys were a British-American supergroup active from 1988 to 1991 consisting of Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Roy Orbison and Tom Petty. They were a roots rock band and described as "perhaps the biggest supergroup of all time". "End of the Line" is a song

from *Traveling Wilburys Vol. 1*, released in October 1988. It was also issued in January 1989 as the band's second single. The recording features all the Wilburys except Bob Dylan as lead singers; George Harrison, Jeff Lynne and Roy Orbison sing the choruses in turn, while Tom Petty sings the verses. The song was mainly written by Harrison and was assigned to his publishing company, Umlaut Corporation.

### **Field Trip: People of the First Light at CAM Green Campus**

Sunday, August 25th at 1pm at the Janet & William Ellery James Center (13 Poplar Street, Gloucester) - Join Rev. Katherine and friends from First Parish as we view this important photo exhibit by Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes) made in consultation with SmokeSignals, a Native creative agency based in Mashpee, MA. The exhibition features contemporary photographs of the original stewards of what is now known as New England, accompanied by poignant excerpts from real conversations around identity, culture, and sovereignty. Registration is Free. Let Rev. Katherine know if you'd like to carpool.

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 x 1.

**Listening devices** are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to ask a Deacon should you need help.

**Readers and Greeters** are always needed. To volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](#).

**The Seaside Parish Knitters** meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Chapel, from 1-3 pm, September 5 and 19.

### **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.

## **Faith Formation Opportunities for All Ages**

Through study and prayer and service, we aspire to love God “with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.” From the youngest toddlers, to the wisest Elders, we each are called to grow in our faith and understanding.

**Sunday School and Youth Group begin again in the fall.**

**Weekly Lectionary Bible Study** – Meets on Tuesdays, 3:30-4:45p via Zoom. We will continue to meet during the summer months , except July 2nd. We study scripture together, utilizing resources from a variety of traditions, and seeking meaning for our daily lives.

**The First Parish Office will be closed on Fridays through Labor Day.**

**First Parish Stephen Ministers** are highly trained lay volunteers who stand ready to provide confidential, one on one presence and counsel for anyone facing a life challenge such as divorce, job loss, major illness, or bereavement, under the direction of our Minister. This service also provides referrals to local agencies which can provide tangible assistance for needs such as housing, energy, or medical care. This program is part of the national interdenominational Christian movement described here: [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org). If you or anyone you know might benefit from this service, please contact Rev. Katherine or Stephen Leaders Linda Crosby (978-314-1526) and Steve Carhart (978-407-8454).

**Book Group News** –August 26, 6:30 PM, We will discuss “A True Account” by Katherine Howe at Mary Ellen's home, 23 Harold St. Manchester. RSVP to Mary Ellen at [cook.maryellen7@gmail.com](mailto:cook.maryellen7@gmail.com). Please come even if you haven't read the book, we will be choosing books for the year!

**Sunday, Sept. 8 Rally Sunday** , kick off the school year, during the 10 AM Worship and **Thank you Gathering** , later in the day come to a gathering to thank you for supporting our Church in 2024, on the lawn, at Tuck's Point, 5 - 7 PM. Pizza & First Parish Fizzes.

**Sunday, Sept. 22 Youth Fellowship** begins!

**Sunday, Sept. 29 Jazz Sunday** during the 10 AM Worship