



**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 July 14, 2024, 9:00 am

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

**Prelude** Prelude and Fugue in C Minor (book 1, WTC)– J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

**\* Call to Worship**

One: We celebrate God's love in our lives.

**Many: Neither life, nor death, nor the passage of time  
can separate us from the love of God.**

One: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

**Many: Teach us to be more loving. Help us to live from the heart.**

One: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God;

**Many: May our worship, witness and service bring honor to God's  
Holy Name.**

**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** Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here - #361, NCH

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Solo I'll Fly Away – Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977)**

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away. To my home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. O I'll fly away, O glory! I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, in the sweet by and by. I'll fly away. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away, to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away. 'Cause I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun. Yes, I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun. I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun way beyond the blue. O I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away. O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, O they tell me of a home far away; O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise, O they tell me of an unclouded day. O the land of cloudless day, O the land of an unclouded day; O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise, O they tell me of an unclouded day. When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll call is called up yonder, when the roll call is called up yonder, when the roll call is called up yonder I'll be there! And there are just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away. To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. O I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, by and by, to glory, when I die, hallelujah by and by, by and by, O glory, I'll fly away. I'll fly away.

**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 Fur Elise - L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)**

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

## **Scripture Reading Amos 7:7 -15 Eleanor Harris**

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>9</sup> "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed  
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;  
with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword,  
and Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land."

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore -fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

## **Sermon " The Plumb Line " Rev. Katherine Schofield**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Solo I'll Walk With God – Nicholas Brodzky (1851-1929)**

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

I'll walk with God from this day on , His helping hand, I'll lean upon.

This is my prayer, my humble plea; may the Lord be ever with me.

There is no death though eyes grow dim, there is no fear when I'm near to Him.

I'll lean on Him forever and He'll forsake me never. He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong; whatever road I may walk alone. I'll walk with God, I'll take His hand, I'll talk with God, He'll understand. I'll pray to Him,

each day to Him and He'll hear the words that I say. His hand will guide my throne and rod and I'll never walk alone, while I walk with God!

**\* 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 Nearer My God to You - #606, NCH**

**\* Blessing**

**Closing Song** God Bless You and Keep You – Jay Althouse (1951)  
God bless you and keep you wherever you may go; His love be a constant companion. God lead you and guide you and be at your side. God bless you and keep you forever.

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

**Our Deacon is Barbara Smit h.**

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 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, we begin meeting again in September.

## **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.

## **Contribute to the work of First Parish Church**

**@PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester**

**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** – July is a free month. Have fun reading whatever you like. 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).

Items accepted Sunday 10 - noon & Weds 11-1

# FAIR BY THE SEA

## Community Yard Sale

We start accepting items in July, Weds. & Sundays.

Look around your home for the following items -

Handbags  
Accessories  
Home décor, including all holidays  
Housewares  
Art  
Bric-a-brac  
Linens  
Jewelry

- Please no clip on earrings, appliances, furniture, stuffed toys!
- Books should be donated to the Library for their Book Sale.
- Also looking for items for themed Auction Baskets and large baskets
- Baked and Home Grown Goodies

**AUGUST 3 SATURDAY 10-2**  
**DURING FESTIVAL BY THE SEA**





## **ART SHOW SUBMISSIONS WANTED!**

The Faith Formation Ministry of First Parish Church is seeking art submissions for a judged Art Exhibit themed “**BRIGHT and BEAUTIFUL!**”

Art will be displayed to view from August 21-August 28, 3-7 PM

Art will be judged, and winners will be announced August 26.

Winners will be awarded prizes in First and Second place in the following age range categories:

The Matisse Group: Ages 3-6 years

The Van Gogh Group: Ages 7-10 years

The Picasso Group: Ages 11-14 years

The Renoir Group: Ages 15- 18 years

The DaVinci Group: Ages 19- and over

Painting, drawing, mixed media, collage, sculpture, and nature items art are sought.

Submissions will be accepted daily outside at 1 Chapel Ln. MBTS beginning August 5 and closing August 15. Look for specially marked drop bins.

For questions or more information, contact Jeanne Westcott  
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