

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 at Tuck's Point June 23, 2024, 10:00 am

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Bagpipe Selections – Charlotte Chane, bagpipes

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

\* Call to Worship Psalm 107

One: God is our redeemer. God gathers us in from east, west, north and south.

Many: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever

One: We cried to the LORD in our distress.

Many: God brought us out from the turmoil and calmed the story seas.

One: The Lord brings us to safe harbor.

Many: Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love,

for the wonderful works of 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 Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult - #172, NCH

#### Passing of the Peace

Anthem The Road Home – Stephen Paulus (1949-2014), lyrics by Michael Dennis Browne Rebecca Shrimpton, solo [Intro]O00-000-000-000 Tell me, where is the road I can call my own that I left, that I lost so long ago? All these years I have wandered - oh, when will I know? There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home 000-000-000-000 After wind, after rain when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day - through the air there's a calling from far away. There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home 000-000-000-000 Rise up, follow me come away, is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song. There is no such beauty as where you belong - rise up, follow me -I will lead you home. 000-000-000-000

#### **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.

**Solo** – Wade in the Water – traditional, arr. Eva Cassidy (1963-1996) Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

Chorus: Wade in the water, wade in the water children. Wade in the water. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water.

Verse: Who's that young girl dressed in red? Wade in the water. Must be the children that Moses led. God's gonna trouble the water. Who's that young girl dressed in white? Wade in the water. Must be the children of the Israelite. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water.

# Chorus:

Verse: Who's that young girl dressed in blue? Wade in the water. Must be the children that's coming through. God' gonna trouble the water. Chorus:

Verse: You don't believe I've been redeemed. Oh, wade in the water. Just seen the Holy Ghost a-looking for me. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water. Chorus:

# Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

# Sermon "Stormy Seas " Rev. Katherine Schofield

# Invitation to the Offering

Anthem The Storm is Passing Over – Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933), arr. Barbara W. Baker

Have courage my soul and let us journey on. Though the night is dark and I am far from home. Thanks be to God – the morning light appears! The storm is passing over – Hallelu. Hallelujah, the storm is passing over!

\* 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 Breathe on Me, Breath of God - #292, NCH

### \* Blessing

**Closing Song** God Be with You – Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958) God be with you 'till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you 'till we meet again.

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

### Our Deacons are Nancy Peterson, Marianne Round and Jan Parker.

Welcome to all who are new to our Worship time.

**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.

# 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. <u>Sunday School</u> - During Worship Sunday School will resume in September. Breakfast Buddies will be held June 24-27, contact

jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com for details.

<u>Youth Group</u> - Gathers monthly for service projects, arts and crafts, and social events.

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

**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.

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

**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

**The Seaside Parish Knitters** meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Chapel, from 1-3 pm, (June 6 & 20). We welcome all to stop by anytime during that time. 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 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. 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** – Tomorrow, June 24, 6:30 PM, we will discuss "Mercury Pictures Presents" by Anthony Marra at Carol Spence's home, 4 Overledge Rd. RSVP to Carol at cdspence@gmail.com. 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. First Parish Church, MBTS

# Breakfast Buddies Animal Stories

Mon. 6/24- Fri. 6/28, 8:30a-10a 1 Chapel Lane, Manchester-by-the-Sea

Enjoy breakfast with an important animal from the Bible, then play, sing, move and make art! This program especially for young children, ages 1.5-4 (and a grownup). All families welcome.

To Register, or if you have questions contact Jeanne Westcott, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, at jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com

