



**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
June 9, 2024, 10:00 am

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Gnossienne # 1 – Eric Satie (1866-1925)

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

*** Call to Worship** Psalm 95

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Many: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Many: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is our God, and we are the sheep of God's pasture.

Many: Come, let us worship God.

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** When in Our Music God Is Glorified – 561, NCH

Sunday school students leave for the classrooms after the hymn.

*** Prayer of Invocation**

Anthem Be Blessed - Kurt Carr (1964), arr. Keith Hampton

Be blessed my brother, be blessed my sister, be blessed wherever this life leads you. Let me encourage you, let me speak life to you. You can depend on God to see you through. You can depend on me to pray for you. You might be hurting, you might be crying, you might be worrying and frustrated too. Let me encourage you. Let me speak life to you. You can depend on God to see you through.

You can depend on me to pray for you. Pray, I'm gonna keep on praying. Pray, I'm gonna keep on praying for you. Pray, I'm gonna keep on praying. Pray, I'm gonna keep on praying for you. You can depend on God to see you through. You can depend on me to pray for you. I see you in the future, and you look better. I see you walking in favor and prosperity too. Let me encourage you, let me speak life to you. You can depend on God to see you through. You can depend on me to pray for you.

(Refrain, 6 times): I pray for you, you pray for me, and watch God change things.

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 Spanish Dance – Enrique Granados (1867-1916)

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

Scripture Reading Marty Farmer

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ephesians 5:18 -20

¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Sermon “ Thankful Song ” Rev. Katherine Schofield

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Hear Me, Redeemer – words and music by Henry Mollicone (1946-2022)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

Hear me, Redeemer, send down your love to cleanse my soul. Lord of Lords, wash away my sinful ways, show me the power of your love! Lord of Lords, shine your light through all my days, show me the power of your love! Hear me Redeemer, send down your love to cleanse my soul. Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way, show me the power of your love! Mighty God, let me praise you every day, show me the power of your love!

*** 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 Now Thank We All Our God - #419, 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 Sue Parker and Marianne Round .

The greeters are Marty Farmer and Steve Carhart.

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.

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)

Faith Formation Opportunities for All Ages

Children's Sunday will be celebrated on June 16.

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 - During Worship (except for Communion Sundays and through the summer months) our kids engage in hands-on, age-appropriate learning opportunities that integrate storytelling, the arts and spiritual development in a safe and family-friendly environment. Breakfast Buddies will be held June 24-27, contact jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com for details.

Youth Group - Gathers monthly for service projects, arts and crafts, and social events.

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study - 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 [@PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?a=1&me=FPChurchManchester)

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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](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, (May 2 & 16). 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).



First Parish has ongoing collections for -

The Open Door Pantry items including baking mixes of all kinds .

Operation Troop Support Socks, and small board and card games .

The Grace Center Gift Cards from local grocery markets for perishables like cream, butter, milk .

Drop items at the Chapel (inside and outside bins available) and at the Church.

Book Group News - 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.



Breakfast Buddies Animal Stories

June 24 – June 28, 8:30AM – 10 AM.

Enjoy breakfast with an important animal from the Bible, then play, sing, move and make art! This program is especially for your children, age 1.5-4 and their adult. All families welcome. To register or if you have questions contact Jeanne Westcott, Director of Children's Ministries, at jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com.