



**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 18, 2024
9:00 am**

Ringling of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Kumbaya – traditional spiritual, arr. by Stephen Bulla

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

*** Call to Worship**

One: Great is God's faithfulness.

Many: God makes a way out of no way.

One: God leads us back when we are hopelessly lost.

**Many: God makes room for us when we have turned away, time and
again.**

One: May we find God in this place, in the world around us
and in our hearts.

**Many: That we may live out God's will in the ways we care for and
serve others. In the name of Christ we pray.**

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** God, We Thank You for Our People, #376, NCH

Prayer of Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Solo Sarabande, from French Suite #6 in E Major by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dr. Bonnie Anderson, piano

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 I Stood on the River of Jordan – spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

I stood on the river of Jordan, to see that that ship come sailing over; stood on the river of Jordan, to see that ship sail by. Oh mourner, don't you weep when you see that ship come sailing over! Oh mourner, don't you weep when you see that ship sail by. O sister, you better be ready to see that ship come sailing over; brother, you better be ready to see that ship sail by. Oh mourner, don't you weep when you see that ship come sailing over! Shout 'Glory Hallelujah' when you see that ship sail by. I stood on the river of Jordan.

Scripture Reading , Matthew 6: 5 -15 Marty Farmer

⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Sermon “ The Prayer That Jesus Taught ” Rev. Katherine Schofield

Invitation to the Offering

Solo Les Cloches (The Bells) – Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo (sung in French)

English translation:

The leaves opened upon the edge of the branches, delicately. The bells rang, light and free, in the clear sky. Rhythmically and fervently, like an antiphon, this distant call reminded me of the Christian whiteness of altar flowers.

These bells told of happy years, and, in the great forest, seemed to revive the withered leaves of days gone by.

*** 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 Lord, I Want To Be a Christian - #454, NCH**

*** Blessing**

Closing Song Serenity – Charles Ives (1874-1954); text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

O, Sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee, the silence of eternity interpreted by love. Drop thy still dews of quietness 'till all our strivings cease: take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess, the beauty of thy peace.

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

Our Deacon is Sue Parker .

We welcome Bonnie Anderson our guest musician this morning.

Bonnie Anderson has a varied career as chamber pianist, orchestral pianist, and piano soloist. Bonnie enjoys collaborating with musicians from the Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and Los Angeles Philharmonic. 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 at the River Oaks Chamber Unleashed Series in Houston, Texas, guest pianist with Music on the Hill Chamber Music Festival in Rhode Island, and concerts with her piano duo partner Stella Owen. Current projects include performances of her solo arrangements of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, recitals with her new piano trio (Stone Arch Trio), videotaping music by female and living composers (Freya Project), and concerts with mezzo-soprano Lisa van der Ploeg and Katherine Growdon. As orchestral pianist, Bonnie is principal pianist of the Vista Philharmonic Orchestra and Vista Chamber Players in Groton, Massachusetts. She also performs as guest pianist with Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Lexington Symphony Orchestra, and Carlisle Chamber Orchestra. Bonnie most recently performed Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Copland's Appalachian Spring for the tuning concerts in the new concert halls at Groton Hill Music Center. Bonnie's recordings include a solo CD featuring music by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Ravel and Ned Rorem, as well as a collaborative recording (Nightsongs) with trumpeter Joseph Foley. Bonnie attended the Juilliard School, Michigan State University, French Piano Institute in Paris, and

received her Doctor of Musical Arts from Boston University. Bonnie is an Adjunct Instructor of piano at Phillips Academy in Andover and has enjoyed teaching chamber music at Point CounterPoint Camp. An accomplished flutist, she is traveling to Switzerland with the Metropolitan Flute Festival Orchestra in July. Bonnie is an avid indo-rower and certified yoga instructor. (bonnieandersonpiano.com)

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 SmokeSygnals, 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, 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.

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. 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.

Faith Formation will be collecting school supplies , to benefit the Beeman School of Gloucester, the sales are currently on, if you are out and about, please pick up some of the following items – 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!

Save these dates!

Sunday, Sept. 8

Rally Sunday, kick off the school year, during the 10 AM Worship.

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



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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