



**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
Jazz Sunday Worship , September 29, 2024
10:00 am**

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Hymn Selections Brian Price, tenor sax, Tom Palance, trumpet

Procession I Siyahamba (We Are Marching) South African hymn

*** Call to Worship**

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Many: Let our joy be complete!

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Many: Love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

Many: Let our worship make a joyful noise, rejoicing in the friendship of 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** They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (insert)

*** Prayer of Invocation**

Passing of the Peace

Anthem Wade in the Water African-American Spiritual, arr. Eva Cassidy
Simone Argento, soloist

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

Who's that young girl dressed in red? Must be the children that Moses led.
Who's that young girl dressed in white? Must be the children of the
Israelites.

Who's that young girl dressed in blue? Must be the children that's coming
through.

You don't believe I've been redeemed? Just saw the Holy Ghost looking
for me.

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

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 temptat ion, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Meditation Road to Emmaus words/music by Rebecca Shrimpton

Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

My life is a journey, a journey down a road. The horizon is a mystery and
I'm carrying a load.

The road is hot and it's dusty and it's long, but in my ear someone's
whispering a song.

It sounds so sweet, I just have to sing along, on the Road to Emmaus.

Our lives are a journey, a journey down a road. The horizon is a mystery.
We're all carrying a load.

The road is hot and it's dusty and it's long, but in the air God is singing us a
song.

He's calling your name and calling you home, down the Road to Emmaus.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-2, 16-21 Eleanor Harris

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

¹⁶This is what the LORD says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

¹⁸“Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,

²¹the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

Sermon “A New Thing” Rev. Katherine Schofield

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem Be Blessed words/music by Kurt Carr (born 1964) featuring First Parish Choir

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.

I pray for you, you pray for me, and watch God change things. (repeat)

*** 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 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, African-American Spiritual (insert)**

*** Blessing**

Response This Little Light of Mine African-American Spiritual

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

The altar flowers are donated by Mary Ellen and Jerry Cook in celebration of Jazz Sunday.

Our Deacons are Liz Loomis and Jeffrey Bodmer -Turner.
Our Greeter is Eleanor Harris.

Our Guest Musicians this morning:

Brian Price, tenor saxophone . Multi-instrumentalist Brian Price's calendar is full of a great variety of musical projects, performing primarily on tenor saxophone, bass clarinet, and clarinet. Recent gigs in the New York and Boston area have included both long-standing collaborations and new projects with Cooper -Moore, Tom Palance, Nick Consone, Joe Pino, the Arcanauts, Charlie Kohlhase's Explorer's Club, and Moon Soul. Brian has played throughout the United States and Europe with Cooper - Moore as well as being a member of the Lost and Wandering Blues and Jazz Band. His schedule ranges from theatres to clubs to community non - profit groups. He grew up in First Parish Church, playing music with his father, Chip Price, and was later mentored on saxophone and bass clarinet by Leonard Hochman.

Thomas M. Palance, trumpet . Tom is known for versatility as a trumpet player and as an innovative teacher. He retired from the U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C. after 20 years, holding the positions of assistant principal trumpet and soloist with the Commodores Jazz Band. He has also created collaborative artistic projects using animators, dancers, artists, photographers, and poets. Presently, Tom is Assistant Professor of Harmony at Berklee College of Music and continues to perform, compose and conduct.

Rebecca Shrimpton, Jazz Sunday music director and vocalist . Acclaimed as a "simply exquisite vocalist," Rebecca has been praised in DownBeat magazine, All Music Guide, All About Jazz, All About Jazz Italia, and Britain's Jazzwise magazine. She has performed and recorded with Joe Lovano, Steve Lacy, Oliver Lake, George Russell, George Lewis, and blues organist Mike Finnigan, as well as the 22-piece Jazz Composers Alliance Orchestra. Also a classical mezzo soprano, Rebecca is soloist at First Parish Church and full time Associate Professor of Voice at Berklee College of Music.

Simone Argento, vocalist . A member of First Parish's choir, Simone is also active in music and theater at the Manchester Essex Regional schools, where she is currently featured in "Shrek the Musical."

Daniel Padgett, piano . Daniel is a pianist, composer, and electronic musician from Maryland, currently based in North Andover. He studied at Longy School of Music of Bard College and Florida State University, and is staff accompanist for Berklee College of Music's Voice Department, the Braintree Choral Society, and Lynnfield Middle School. He just released a new album of original music, "Aurora," which is available to stream on Spotify, Apple Music and YouTube.

Dave Landoni, bass . Dave received his B.A. from Berklee College of Music. He has played and recorded with jazz artists Herb Pomeroy, NEA Jazz Master vocalist Sheila Jordan, Terrell Stafford, Jens Lidemann of the Canadian Brass, the Artie Shaw Orchestra under the direction of Dick Johnson, Mike Renzi, and Eugene Maslov. David maintains a private teaching studio and is on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Russell Lane, drums . A Marblehead resident, Russell is a long-time friend and guest percussionist at First Parish. He has performed in Dave Brubeck's "Mass, To Hope! A Celebration" with the Paul Madore Chorale. He also plays with indie rock and folk groups in the Boston/North Shore area, including The Willows. A retired software engineer, Russell is looking forward to devoting even more time to his music.

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, October 3 and 17. 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.

Church Directory , Fall available at the Church and in the Church Office.

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 has begun.

Weekly Bible Study – Meets on Tuesdays, 3:30-4:45p via Zoom. We study scripture together, utilizing resources from a variety of traditions, and seeking meaning for our daily lives.

Soup and Conversation: Faith Formation Sunday, October 6th,
Following Worship in Chapel Hall.

In seeking to live a life of faith, we are called to grow our hearts and minds - no matter our age. While Christian education (or Sunday School) is a critical part of faith formation, the term “faith formation” goes beyond the classroom, incorporating service, leadership, and spiritual development, all in an intergenerational context. What does this mean? And where do you fit in? Join us for delicious soup and some thought-provoking conversation. Want to help? We need volunteers to bring soup and cookies, or to help with setup/clean up. Speak with Rev. Katherine or sign up on our signup sheet at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA822A1F49-48314195-soup>

School Supplies Drive update, the Beeman School supplies drive will complete Sept. 29. If you have yet to participate, please consider the following as essentials for teachers and students: Pink Pearl erasers, tissues, dry erase markers, Sharpies, highlighters, graph paper, composition books (wide ruled), Crayola broad markers, and school glue.