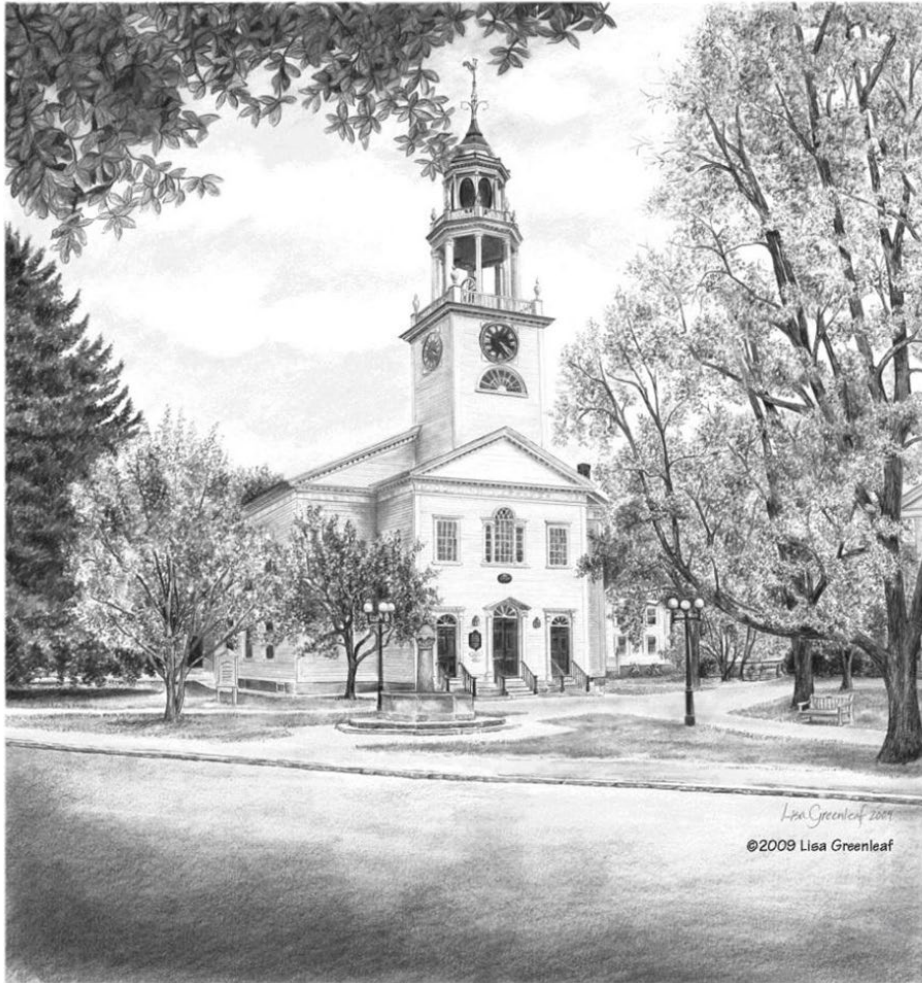


Installation Service

Rev. Katherine A. Schofield
Sunday, March 2, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.



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.*

Prelude Draw Near to Us – Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 – 1748)

Processional Hymn “Be Now My Vision” NCH 451

Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I need not, nor life’s empty praise,
You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.

Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joy, O bright heaven’s Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

***Call to Worship** Rev. Connie Bickford

One: Heavenly Creator, we are your people,
the sheep of your pasture.

Many: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

One: Though the mountains fall, though the seas roar,
though our hearts break within us;

Many: You have been a shelter to every generation.

One: Compassionate Sustainer,
your forgiveness knows no bounds,
and your love endures forever.

Many: We give you thanks, O God, with fullness of heart.

**One: O God, you who are the winds of change,
the renewing waters;**

Many: Guide our feet as we love and serve each other.

All: Come, let us worship God together!

Welcome

Bethany Woods, *FPCC Moderator*

*Prayer of Invocation Psalm 25:1-5

All: To You, O God, we lift up our souls.

**To You we offer our praise and prayer,
our worship and thanksgiving,
even our very lives.**

Make Your ways known to us.

Show us the path on which we should walk.

Lead us in Your truth and teach us. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Meditation – In the Mornin’ – Spiritual, arr. Charles Ives (1874-1954)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

Scripture Reading

Adilia James

Deuteronomy 6: 4-12

Acts 11: 25-26

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor

Hymn

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song” NCH 476

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Ashley Popperson

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.

Call to the Offering

Nancy Peterson, Deacon

This offering is being received as a gift to the scholarship fund of the Northeast Association for the benefit of members in discernment for authorized ministry to aid them on their journey.

Offertory

“Canticle of Fellowship”

Craig Courtney

*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

Service of Installation (see insert)

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Richard E. Spalding

*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

NCH 436

verses 1, 2 and 5

Sending

Rev. Katherine A. Schofield

Postlude Hymn of Faith - Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

Service of Installation

Greeting

Presentation

Exhortation

Covenant

***Congregation: We receive Katherine as our pastor and teacher. We promise to rejoice with her, to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel, and to show her support and respect. We gather with Katherine and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

***All: We, your family, friends, fellow United Church of Christ members and colleagues, stand with you, the people and pastor of First Parish Church, Congregational as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry.**

Prayer of Installation

Declaration

The container of Hellebore plants on the altar today is given in celebration of the covenant made today by Reverend Katherine Schofield to First Parish Church Congregational, at her installation. The entire congregation expresses our gratitude and agape love.

The arrangements on the tables at the reception were graciously donated by Sue and John Schofield in recognition of their daughter's installation.