



**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, 10 AM, Sunday
May 25, 2026**

Ringling of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude America the Beautiful – Samuel A. Ward (1848 -1903), arr. Linda Hartman

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

*** Call to Worship**

One: Spirit of life,

Many: Fill our emptiness with your fullness.

One: Spirit of power,

Many: Stir our hearts afresh.

One: Spirit of love,

Many: Embrace us, and through us, our neighbors.

One: Spirit of Creativity,

Many: Enable and empower the gifts you have given.

One: Spirit of Eternity,

Many: Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.

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** On Pentecost They Gathered - #272, NCH

Prayer of Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Anthem The Road Home – Stephen Paulus (1949-2014), lyrics by Michael Dennis Browne

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

[Intro] Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

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

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

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

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

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.

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

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 Goin' Home - Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904), lyrics by W. A. Fisher (based on 'New World Symphony', 2nd movement)

Rebecca Shrimpton, solo

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a-goin' home; quiet -like, some still day, I'm just goin' home. It's not far, just close by, through an open door; work all done, care laid by, going to fear no more. Mother's there 'spectin' me, father's waitin' too; lots of folk gathered there, all the friends I knew. Home, home, I'm goin' home! Nothin' lost, all's gain, no more fret nor pain, no more stumblin' on the way, no more longin' for the day, going to roam no more! Mornin' star lights the way, restless dream all done; shadows gone, break of day, real life just begun. There's no break, there's no end, just a-livin' on, wide awake, with a smile goin' on and on. Goin' home, goin, home, I'm just goin' home. It's not far, just close by through an open door. I'm just goin' home. Goin' home.

Scripture Reading Teddy Joyce

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon "Let the Spirit Move You" Rev. Katherine Schofield

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Filled With the Glory! – Don Besig (1936), Nancy Price
Filled with the power, filled with the might, filled with the glory, the glory of the Lord. We are filled with the power, we are filled with the might. We are filled with the glory of the Lord! Filled with the glory! We are filled with the wonder, we are filled with the light. We are filled with the glory, the glory of the Lord! When they came together to worship on that day, a mighty wind swept over them; they saw those tongues aflame. Though they spoke in languages from many different lands, the spirit moved among them, and they all could understand. They were filled with the power, they were filled with the might. They were filled with the glory of the Lord, of the Lord! They were filled with the wonder, they were filled with the light. They were filled with the glory, the glory of the Lord! Like those true believers, we gather here today to celebrate and praise the Lord and worship in His name. As we go into the world to witness and inspire, the Spirit moves within us and will set our hearts afire. We are filled with the power, we are filled with the might. We are filled with the glory of the Lord! We are filled with the wonder, we are filled with the light. We are filled with the glory, the glory of the Lord, of the Lord! We are filled with the glory of the Lord!

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**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.**

and hear what's on each other's hearts. You will be touched to receive notifications every time someone prays for you. We also have traveling prayers walls throughout the year. Look for us at the 4th of July Parade, Festival by the Sea, Burgers & Bingo and other community events!

Readers and Greeters are always needed. To volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up online.

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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.

Family Worship (second Sunday of the month) children of all ages stay in worship for these special intergenerational services.

Church School (all other Sundays) children depart from worship around 10:15a for their own time of learning, crafting, sharing and playing.

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.

The Seaside Parish Knitters meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, **May 7 & 21, 1-3 PM**. We welcome all to stop by. 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.

Book Group Have you considered joining us?

Our **May 25th** meeting will be at Lauren Gudonis' home, 56 Masconomo St. MBTS. We will gather to discuss “Finding Margaret Fuller” by Allison Pataki. RSVP to Lauren at 617-633-5333 or lbgudonis@gmail.com

Our **June 29th** group will be at Mary Lumsden's home, 18 Woodcrest Rd, MBTS. We will gather to discuss “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption” by Bryan Stevenson. RSVP to Mary at (978) 500-4571 or rasc84@hotmail.com for planning purposes.

Book Group is a time for church members as well as non-church friends to come together and engage with one another, build relationships, and share in a discussion of books that are of interest to people of various backgrounds. Book Group usually meets on the last Monday of the month, at 6:30 PM, and hosting is shared among members.

Stephen's Ministry 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).

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