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ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.  
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,  
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

## **January 25, 2015    Third Sunday after Epiphany**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS AND CONCERNS

### **WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

\*HYMN NO. 173

*“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence.  
Our hope is from God, our fortress.

**All: God is our rock and our salvation.  
God is our refuge and our deliverance.**

One: Trust in God at all times, in all places.  
Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

**All: All people are valuable in God’s sight.  
Let us worship God, who is ready to speak to us.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

**We await your message, God of all places and times. Speak your truth to us  
in this service so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to  
the people you are eager to reach. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE NO. 759 **Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit - Three in One;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

(You may be seated.)

### **WE INVITE FORWARD GOD’S LITTLE CHILDREN**

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Hymn No. 327

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**In our thanks, these gifts we bring, for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow  
you, in all we say, and all we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ken Williams

Followed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

*\*Children are now excused to attend Church School.*

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	(O.T. p.960)
GOSPEL	Mark 1:14-20	(N.T. p. 35)
SERMON	Two Sides of the Same Coin	The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>"Our Rock &amp; Our Salvation"</i>	arr. Curry

### **WE RESPOND WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP AND OUR PRAYERS**

PASTORAL PRAYER  
CHORAL RESPONSE *"Don't Be Afraid"*

### **WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

When our riches increase, we are tempted to put our trust and confidence in them. But riches are not meant to satisfy us. They are placed in our hands that we might accomplish some good purpose. Giving through the church grants us that opportunity.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*DOXOLOGY #780 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people – for their own sakes, not our own. Amen.**

### **WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

**\*HYMN NO. 172** *"Jesus Calls Us"*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"We Will Take What You Offer"*

POSTLUDE

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

**First Parish Congregational MISSION STATEMENT: This is who we are!  
First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,  
is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education.  
In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God,  
Christian fellowship and service to others.  
In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit,  
we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.**

**Welcome Visitors! As members of the United Church of Christ we say:** “No matter **who** you are or **where** you are on life’s journey, **you** are welcome here! We mean it!” Please introduce yourself to an usher and come meet Pastor Deborah.

**If you would like** information about our church or would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a bright yellow “How May We Serve You”/ “Communication Options” card located in the pews and at the back of the Sanctuary. We also have cards available in the church office. Thank you for worshiping with us. We are blessed to have you with us today.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH  
DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
LAY READER  
USHERS

Members of the Congregation  
Steve Davis and Pat Plouff  
Brian Williams  
Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell  
Rod and Suzanne Hunt  
Michael Bryan  
Shirley Dickason  
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
Rev. Chester R. Ham  
Susan Handy  
Jeff Delangie  
Lindsey Roman  
Heidi Heath  
Julie Daysa

GREETER(s)  
PASTOR  
AFFILIATE PASTOR  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
CE DIRECTOR  
NEWSLETTER/CE CONSULTANT

### First Parish Activity Calendar

#### Sunday, January 25

##### ANNUAL MEETING @ NOON

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier  
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Room  
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary  
10:15am Kids Church Program ~ John  
11:15am Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal ~ MacGregor  
12:00pm ANNUAL MEETING ~ Currier  
6:00pm Youth Group ~ Luke

#### Monday, January 26

7:00pm Troop 405 Meeting ~ Currier

#### Tuesday, January 27

4:00pm GS Trp 20993 ~ Currier  
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke  
6:30pm AA ~ Library  
6:30pm GS 20570/BSA Venture 570 ~ Currier  
7:00pm OA ~ A/B

#### Wednesday, January 28

6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ Luke

#### Thursday, January 29

12:15pm Ecumenical Prayer & Communion ~ A/B  
6:15pm Sacred Dance ~ Sanctuary  
6:30pm CS Pack 405 ~ A/B/John/Luke/Currier  
7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Music Rm.

#### Friday, January 30

5:00pm Spaghetti Supper ~ Currier  
7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B  
9:30pm AA Fri Night Assoc. ~ A/B

#### Saturday, January 31

7:30pm AA ~ Currier

#### Sunday, February 1

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier  
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Room  
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary  
10:15am Kids Church Program ~ John  
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6:00pm Youth Group ~ Luke

## Scriptures – January 26

### Jonah 3.1-5, 10

<sup>3</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### Mark 1.14-20

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.