

First Parish Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
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**May 15, 2016 Pentecost**



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)

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**Jesus said:** 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

for I was hungry and **you gave me food**, I was thirsty and **you gave me something to drink**, I was a stranger and **you welcomed me**,

I was naked and **you gave me clothing**, I was sick and **you took care of me**, I was in prison and **you visited me.**' (Matthew 25:34-36)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

\*HYMN (insert)

*"Gather Us In"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**All: For God has done wondrous things for us.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

**All: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

**All: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

**Glorious God, You blow into our lives without warning. We soar to a high peak in the realm Jesus knew, where we see with new eyes, and hear your Spirit dream within us the day when all will know your love and rejoice in your truth. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE #236

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.

HANDCHIME CHOIR

*"Hymn of Promise"*

Natalie Sleeth,

arr. Janet Linker & Jane McFadden

**WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN**

*At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Dear God, we offer you our gifts with thanks and praise, be with us and guide us all of our days. Teach us how to love each other, and to shine your light into the world. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dave McGrath

## 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 and youth may now go to their classes.)

\*HYMN NO. 286

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 11:1-9

(O.T. pp. 9-10)

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

(N.T. p. 123)

SERMON Oh, The Places The Spirit Will Go! The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Spirit Come Down"*

Mark Hayes

## WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Be Still and Know that I Am God"*

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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 Amazement and Wonder, you have been preparing the way for us throughout time. On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes confused but often in awe, we watch the everyday miracles experienced all around us. All things are possible with you, O God. We trust that this offering will foster the miracles and the possibilities that you have in store for this church community. We await with hearts already filled in amazement and wonder at your ways. Come Holy Spirit, come! Amen.**

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

\*HYMN NO. 282

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"May You Run and Not Be Weary"*

Murekami

POSTLUDE

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

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH  
 DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
 LAY READER  
 USHERS

Members of the Congregation  
 Carol Bates and Cyndi Gray  
 Cyndi Gray  
 Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell  
 Joe Weaver, Suzanne Hunt  
 Michael Bryan  
 Dave and Lorie McGrath  
 The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
 The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath  
 Susan Handy  
 Jeff DeLangie  
 Lindsey Roman

GREETER(s)  
 PASTOR  
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 MUSIC DIRECTOR  
 ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST  
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

### First Parish Activity Calendar

#### Sunday, May 15

8:00am Historic Preservation ~ Archive  
 8:00am Youth Ministry ~ A/B  
 9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Luke  
 10:00am Worship ~ Currier  
 10:15am Sunday School ~ John  
 11:15am Children's Choir ~ Luke  
 11:30am Mission ~ A/B  
 11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ Luke

#### Monday, May 16

7:00pm Rehab Fundraising Com. ~ Cook  
 7:00pm Troop 405 ~ Currier/AB/Nursery

#### Tuesday, May 17

9:00am Nutfield School Play ~ Currier  
 6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke  
 6:30pm Bible Study ~ Currier  
 7:00pm Music Committee ~ A/B  
 7:00pm OA ~ Nursery  
 7:00pm Christianity Hot Topics ~ Cook

#### Wednesday, May 18

6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ John  
 7:00pm Council ~ Cook

#### Thursday, May 19

4:30pm Daisy Trp 11080 ~ John  
 6:30pm AA Book Study ~ Nursery  
 6:30pm CS Pack 405 ~ Currier/Luke/AB  
 7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Luke

#### Friday, May 20

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions – Cook/John  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

#### Saturday, May 21

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions  
 8:00am AA District 9 Gathering ~  
 Currier/Kitchen  
 7:30pm AA ~ Currier

#### Sunday, May 22

9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Luke  
 10:00am Worship ~ Currier  
 10:15am Sunday School ~ John  
 11:15am Children's Choir ~ Luke  
 11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ Luke  
 3:00pm Patel Gathering ~ Currier  
 4:00pm Margarita's Fundraiser Event ~  
 Margarita's Manchester

| How are we doing?                        |          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Financial Committee Report as of 4/30/16 | Received | Budgeted |
| Pledges year to date                     | \$67,036 | \$70,000 |
| Plate year to date                       | \$6,568  | \$9,333  |

**Summer Worship Dates:** Save the dates! Our outdoor worship services will take place on **July 10<sup>th</sup>** and **August 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to bring your own chair. The Deacons will have a few chairs set up for those who do not have their own chairs or unable to carry them. Childcare will be available.

**Reminder:** Pastor Deborah is on Study Leave 5/14-5/21, returning to FPC 5/22. Pastor Heidi will be on-call.

## Scriptures – May 15

### Genesis 11.1-9

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ <sup>5</sup> The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, ‘Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.’ <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

### Acts 2.1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> 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 nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

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

<sup>17</sup> “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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”