

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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May 22, 2016

Second Sunday of 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 NO. 277

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves;

All: the one who is weak and the one who is strong,

One: the one who is happy and the one who is sad,

All: the one whom we understand and the one who is different.

One: the one who is embraced and the one who is shunned,

All: the one who is like us and the one who is different.

One: Come, let us worship together!

All: We come, trusting God’s abundant love.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Move among us, Spirit, and gather us together with you. Take our many selves - our lives, our loves, our ideas, our questions, our speech, our silence, our struggles – and unite us as your people. Give us the gifts of perception and understanding, so that even as we dream your dreams and see your visions, we may be able to witness to your presence in our common life. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #236

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

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

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

Ken Williams

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. 264

"Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Sue Weaver

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT	Psalm 88:1-7	(O.T. p. 602-603)
NEW TESTAMENT	Romans 8:31-39	(N.T. p. 165)
SERMON	"Perfectly Imperfect"	The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath
CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>"How Majestic is Your Name"</i>	Michael Smith

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER		
CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>"Be Still and Know that I Am God"</i>	Bell

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**

We have much to return in gratitude to you, O God, and much to share with the world around us. Bless now these gifts, that they may be signs of your Spirit's movement. And accept them also as tokens of our intent to serve you and proclaim your good news in every way, through the power of your Spirit dwelling in us.

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

*HYMN NO. 265

"Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound"

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

Steve Davis

Ross and Linda Webber

Kevin and Diane Gordon

Michael Bryan

Diane Breden

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

GREETER(s)

PASTOR

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

MUSIC DIRECTOR

ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Susan Handy

Jeff DeLangie

Lindsey Roman

First Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, May 22

ALL DAY – Noche Mexicana Fundraiser at Margarita’s Manchester
 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 New Member Class ~ Cook
 11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ Luke
 3:00pm Patel Gathering ~ Currier

Monday, May 23

7:00pm Troop 405 ~ Currier/AB/Nursery

Tuesday, May 24

6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
 7:00pm Christianity Hot Topics ~ Cook
 7:00pm OA ~ Nursery
 7:00pm Facilities ~ Cook

Wednesday, May 25

8:30am Rehab Fundraising Comm. ~ A/B
 6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ John

Thursday, May 26

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 27

5:00pm Spaghetti Supper ~ Currier
 7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

Saturday, May 28

7:30pm AA ~ Currier

Sunday, May 29

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

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 10th** and **August 14th**. 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.

Oscar Greene Service: A reminder that the Homecoming Service for Oscar Greene will take place tomorrow, Monday, May 23rd, 4:00 PM at the Orchard Christian Fellowship in Londonderry.

Veteran Page in Directory: Are you or do you know a member or friend of First Parish who is a veteran (past or present)? We’d love to list them on a special page in our new directory! Please submit name and military branch to Becca Cobban at rcobban@rivier.edu or 490-0884. Thank you!

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Scriptures – May 22

Psalm 88

A Song. A Psalm of the Korahites. To the leader: according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹ O LORD, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
² let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.

³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
⁵ like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶ You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

Selah

Romans 8.31-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.