

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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May 29, 2016

Third 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. 267 *“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together because God has called us.

All: We are together, old and young, rich and poor.

One: We wait in expectant awe for God’s appearing.

All: We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Amazing God, who created humanity as one people, come among us now to reunify us. Out of our differences, create understanding and eagerness to explore the variety among us. Out of our narrowness, fashion a breadth of involvement to feed our spirits. May we dream dreams and see visions. May we truly hear our sisters and brothers and respond to them with empathy and love, in Jesus’ name. 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

Sue Handy

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. 290 *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT	Psalm 51:10-19	(O.T. pp. 575)
NEW TESTAMENT	John 14:8-17, 25-27	(N.T. pp. 112-113)
SERMON	"Spirit of Truth; God of Hope" The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof	
CHOIR ANTHEM	"Sing a Jubilant Song"	Jim Stanton

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

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

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God has made us heirs of great abundance in order that we might use the resources entrusted to us to benefit humankind. We are children of God, called to share with the world the manifold works of our Creator. Our offerings are one expression of our commitment.

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 wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.

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

*HYMN NO. 2	<i>"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"</i>	
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>"May You Run and Not Be Weary"</i>	Murekami

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH
 DEACONS OF THE MONTH
 LAY READER
 USHERS

Members of the Congregation
 Carol Bates and Cyndi Gray
 Sarah Keller
 Ken Gould, Diane Breeden
 Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason
 Michael Bryan
 Lisa and Wayne Hall
 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 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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

9:30am Nutfield School Gym ~ Currier
 6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
 7:00pm Christianity Hot Topics ~ Cook
 7:00pm OA ~ Nursery

Wednesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 2

4:30pm Daisy Trp 11080 ~ John
 6:30pm AA Book Study ~ A/B
 7:00pm Christian Ed ~ Nursery
 7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Luke

Friday, June 3

6:30pm First Friday Potluck/Book Signing ~ Currier
 7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

Saturday, June 4

7:30pm AA ~ Currier

Sunday, June 5

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.

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!

Scriptures – May 29

Psalm 51:10-19

- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
- ¹⁹ then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

John 14:8-17, 25-27

8 Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

25 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.