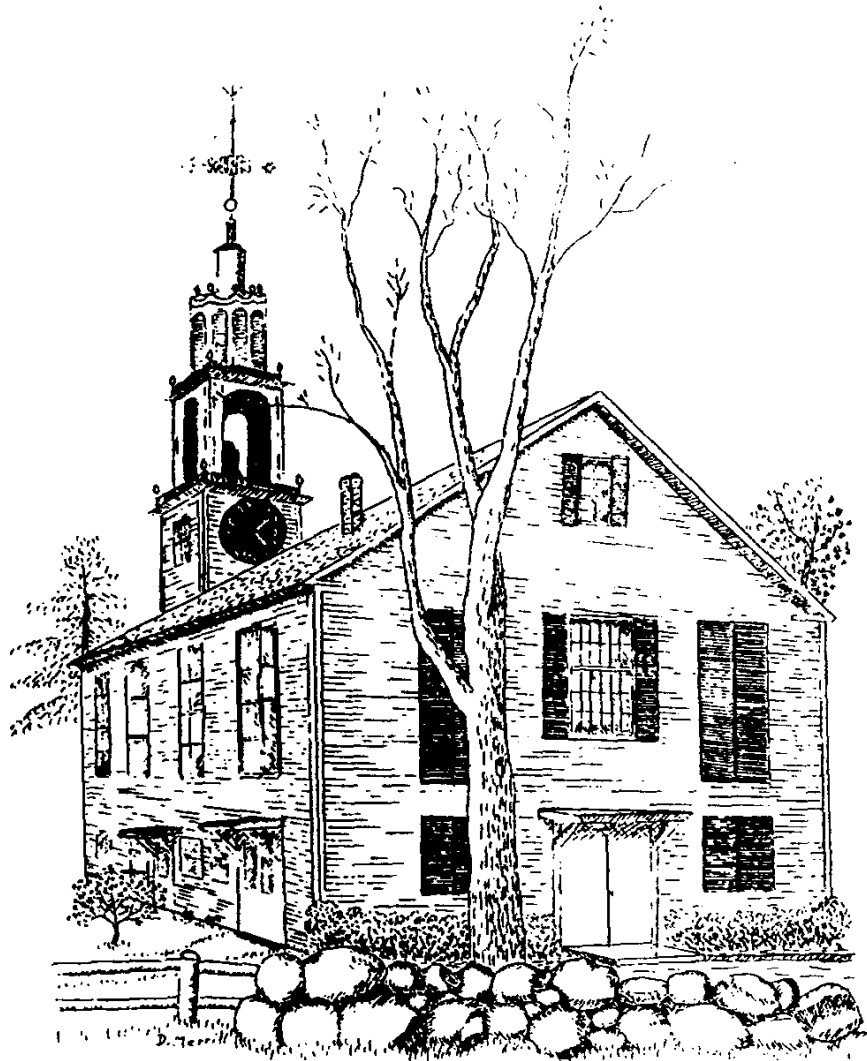


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**June 12, 2016**

**Proper 6**



*Doris Merrill*

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. 415

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The steadfast love of God surrounds us;

**All: Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love.**

One: We are here to encounter the one who created us.

**All: Let us trust in the One who provides all things.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lover of humankind, your care extends to saints and sinners, and whose judgment spares no one because of rank. Open our eyes and ears and hearts to receive all people as brothers and sisters, to honor them as your children, and to seek their well-being as diligently as we seek our own. May we appreciate and share the good news of your realm as we minister in Christ's 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

Pastor Deborah

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. 539

*"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" (v. 1, 2, 3)*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH STEWARDSHIP**

“Try a Tithe Sunday, the Time has Come!” – Carl Hepworth

\*HYMN NO. 539

*“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” (v. 4, 5, 6)*

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US**

OLD TESTAMENT

Esther 4:10-17

(O.T. p. 493)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 7:36-8:3

(N.T. p. 68)

SERMON

“For Such a Time as this”

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Morning Has Broken”*

Farjeon, arr. Larson

**WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Take, O, Take Me as I Am”*

John Bell

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Our possessions are given to us that we might know the joy of sharing. Here is our opportunity to respond to God’s generosity. Come, share the joy of thankful giving. Join now in the outreach ministry to which God calls us here at First Parish.

**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 give thanks, generous God, because we owe you more than we can ever repay. We give because we love you and want to show our devotion. We give because there are needs to be met among us and in other places where we cannot go. We give because we need to be generous in order to be whole. Loving God, bless all givers who provide for others out of their means, and multiply these resources in your service. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN NO. 76

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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

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 The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath  
 Susan Handy  
 Jeff DeLangie  
 Lindsey Roman

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 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

### First Parish Activity Calendar

#### Sunday, June 12

9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Luke  
 10:00am Worship ~ Currier  
 10:15am Sunday School ~ John

#### Monday, June 13

8:00am Nutfield Summer Program ~  
 Mark/Matthew

#### Tuesday, June 14

9:30am Nutfield Summer Program ~  
 Mark/Matthew  
 6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke  
 7:00pm Music Committee ~ Nursery  
 7:00pm OA ~ Nursery

#### Wednesday, June 15

8:00am Nutfield Summer Program ~  
 Mark/Matthew  
 9:30am Exploring the Bible ~ John  
 6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ John  
 7:00pm Council ~ Cook

#### Thursday, June 16

6:30pm AA Book Study ~ A/B  
 7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Luke

#### Friday, June 17

7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

#### Saturday, June 18

7:30pm AA ~ Currier

#### Sunday, June 19

##### CELEBRATION SUNDAY

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  
 11:00am Mission ~ A/B

#### 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

**Newsletter Deadline:** The deadline for July newsletter submissions is **Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**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. **Exciting news! This year members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church will join in our July outdoor worship!**

**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 – June 12

### Esther 4.10-17

<sup>10</sup>Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, <sup>11</sup>‘All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.’ <sup>12</sup>When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup>Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, ‘Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.’ <sup>15</sup>Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>‘Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.’ <sup>17</sup>Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

### Luke 7.36-8.3

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.’ <sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ ‘Teacher,’ he replied, ‘speak.’ <sup>41</sup> ‘A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?’ <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ <sup>44</sup> Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ <sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ <sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’ <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

<sup>8</sup> Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.