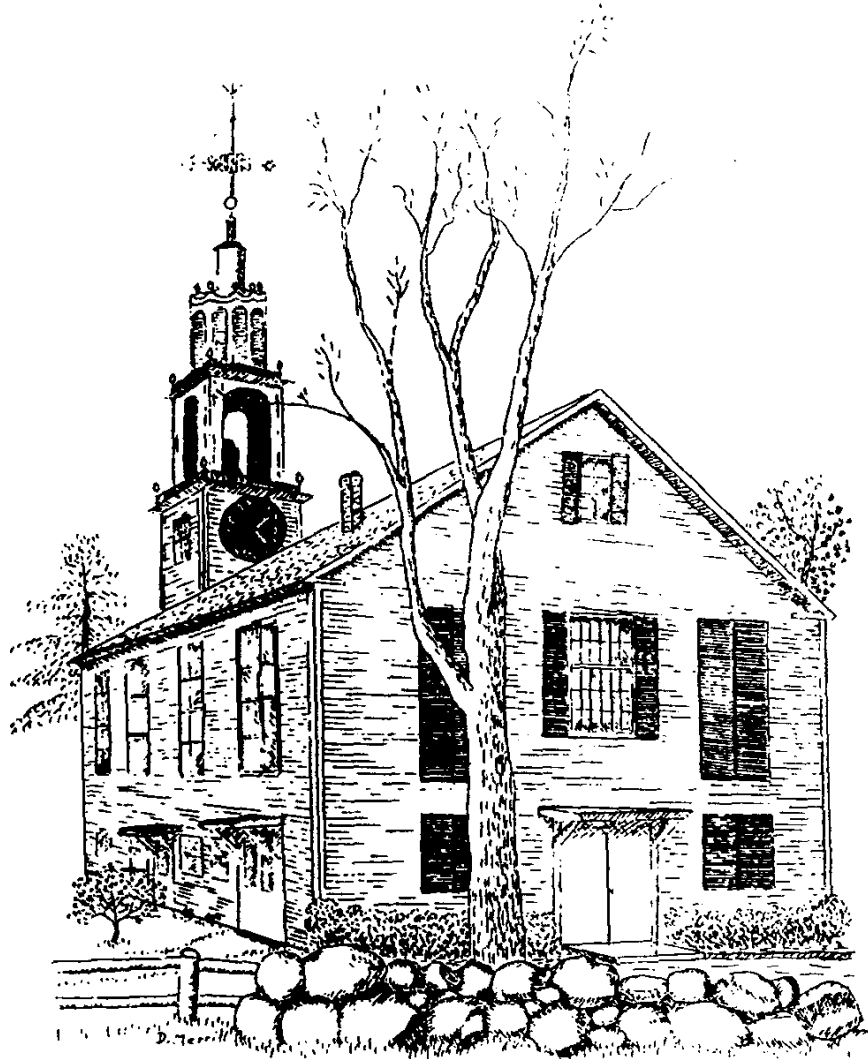


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July 10, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

A very special welcome to our friends from St. Luke's Methodist Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*HYMN (See insert)

"God of Grace & God of Glory"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The realm of God is right here, right now.

All: Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

One: You rescue us from chaos and restore us to life.

All: You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.

One: We will extol you, O God, for you have drawn us up.

All: Let us sing praises to God and give thanks.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious Holy God, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. Show us this day what you would have us do.

Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts be responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #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.**

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

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 Heidi

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

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K. I. T – Wednesday July 13th meeting will be at Warren Pillsbury's House! Don't forget to bring a lunch!

Food Pantry Donations – We are in need of food pantry donations, they must be nonperishable and non-glass. Please help us support our local food pantry, every donation counts.

Summer Faith Formation – **UPDATED: Join us for Summer Faith Formation reading The Shack by William Paul Young!**

Due to popular demand, we have updated dates, times, and expanded offerings for our summer reading group pursuing William Paul Young's The Shack. Our Pastors will lead an evening group from Tuesday, July 26th-Tuesday, August 16th from 7-8:30 PM on Tuesday evenings. We will also offer a daytime group from 9:30-11 AM on Wednesdays meeting August 3rd-August 24th. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Heidi and let her know which group you are attending, and if you need a book.

Boy Scout Bake Sale – July 24th after church.

My name is Scott Masessa and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 405 in Derry, NH. I am doing a fundraiser to raise money for my Eagle Scout Service Project so I can purchase and assemble an 8' x 12' shed for the First Parish Church, East Derry, NH. The church needs the shed to store garden equipment and to clean out some of the space in the attic.

I hope to raise the funds by mid-July so that I can purchase the kit from Reeds Ferry in Hudson, NH and assemble it in August.

Slow-Flow Yoga – Join Ali Bowen for slow-flow yoga on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.! Ali is a registered 200-hour YTT yoga instructor who has been attending First Parish since February. This three-week session will run from July 28th - August 11th, and the cost is \$25 for all three classes or \$10 per class. Twenty percent of the proceeds will benefit First Parish. No prior yoga experience required, but you will need to bring your own mat! Please sign up by Sunday, July 24th.

2 Kings 5. 1-14

The Healing of Naaman

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Luke 10.25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'