

First Parish Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
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**August 14, 2016**

**Twentieth 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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**First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education.**

**In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God, Christian fellowship and service to others.**

**In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.**

**WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

\*HYMN NO. 611

*"O Day of God Drew Near"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

**All: In the steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.**

One: Let us remember the rich heritage we have received.

**All: And give thanks for God's grace and mercy.**

One: This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.

**All: Let us delight in the Word and works of our God.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**We are known by you, gracious God, better than we know ourselves. You have given us life and you have renewed our spirits. You have carried us to the heights and you have dwelled with us in life's depths. You are our hope and our trust. Touch us here and dwell with us. 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 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. 497

*"Guide My Feet"*

## WE ARE MOTIVATED TO SERVE

MISSION MOMENT

The Friendship Center

Carol

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(O.T. p. 776)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 13:10-17

(N.T. p. 78)

SERMON

"Do your rules rule you?"

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

## WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Our gifts speak where we cannot go. They witness to people we will never meet. They praise God who has provided for us every day of our lives. Let us give thanks through our offerings.

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

**O God, we cannot forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others. May healing come to all who suffer and freedom be granted to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN NO. 391

*"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Let There be Peace on Earth***

Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth - The peace that was meant to be.

With God, our Creator; Family all are we. Let me walk with my Neighbor In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me - Let this be the moment now.

With every step I take -Let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment And live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE

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

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH  
DEACONS OF THE MONTH  
LAY READER  
USHERS

Members of the Congregation  
Cindy Pingree and Reni Harnden  
Fred Merrill  
Ken Gould and Diane Breeden  
Dee Deranian and Shirley Dickason  
Michael Bryan  
Mark Pingree and Nancy Magee  
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath  
Susan Handy  
Jeff DeLangie  
Rebecca Cobban

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

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**\*\*\*There will be a Congregation Informational Gathering after worship. At this meeting the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) will report on the current status of the construction as well as looking forward.**

## **Finance Committee**

### **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

<b>Financial Report as of 8/9/16</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
<b>Pledges year to date:</b>	<b>\$120,123</b>	<b>\$122,500</b>
<b>Plate year to date:</b>	<b>\$17,315</b>	<b>\$16,333</b>

Should you have any questions please feel free to ask any member of the Finance Committee. You can also email Chris O'Brien at [chrisobrienct@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisobrienct@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns. Finance Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## Scripture

### Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

### Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup>and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup>Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. <sup>14</sup>Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.” <sup>15</sup>The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup>Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.