



First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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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)

October 2, 2016 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*HYMN NO. 584

“I Am the Light of the World”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is a place where the hunger and thirst of the world are met with
God’s abundance.

Many: That place is a table.

Leader: There is a place where the rhetoric of “us” and “them”
gives way to the gracious language of “we.”

Many: That place is a table.

Leader: There is a place where all are welcomed and none are excluded, even
the improbable saint and the guilty betrayer.

Many: That place is a table.

Leader: So let us come to this table hungry and thirsty for Communion with God
and with one another.

**Many: Let us taste the goodness of our creator, and then go to feed, to
serve, to forgive, and to love**

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors,

Many: we gather here today as a rebellious people.

One: We want to act out your intentions for us,

Many: but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world.

One: You tell us to honor Creation

Many: But we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain.

One: You offer bread to every living creature,

**Many: and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of
greed.**

One: You promise us new life,

Many: But we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways.

One: Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet.

Many: We need your healing presence among us,

One: That your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last

Many: Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF PRAISE #756

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsus Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

"Come as a Child"

Come as a child, when He calls you to follow.

Just come as a child, for His love is untold.

Come as a child, when you seek His communion,

For then, all His blessings unfold.

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

Sarah Keller

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHOIR ANTHEM *"All are Welcome at the Table" Spiritual, arr. McDonald*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE with the PRAYER of CONSECRATION

OUR SACRED STORY

SHARING the MEAL

*We celebrate Communion this morning by Intinction (dipping your bread into the cup). All of the bread we use for Communion is now **gluten free**. You are invited to come forward where you will be invited to receive a morsel of bread and dip it into the grape juice. Your children are invited to participate and we trust that you will teach them the sacred meaning of this holy meal.*

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus:

For gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,

For peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,

For the glory of creation, for the mission of justice you have made our own. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

*HYMN NO. 581

"Lead Us from Death to Life"

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Habbakuk 1:1-14, 2:1-4

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NEW TESTAMENT:

An adapted reading of Matthew 13:33 & John 6:35 &
1 Corinthians 10:17

SERMON

"Makin' it Plain"

The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Voice of God"

Lloyd Larson

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Because to whom much is given, much is required, says the Lord. We give so that the love of God, and justice Christ has made our own might multiply into the world beyond our walls. This morning's offering will now be given and received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #562, verse 1

**Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have loved to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude, that all whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen

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

*HYMN NO. 573

"Lead on, Eternal Sovereign"

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

Flowers this Sunday are given in remembrance of Leon Berry in honor of his birthday from Nancy, Cathy, Wayne, Suzanne and Shanna.

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH
LAY READER
USHERS

Members of the Congregation
Fred Merrill & Jo Worthen
Come to church on Sunday to find out!

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Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-14, 2:1-4

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth
perverted.

5 Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded!
For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were
told.

6 For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own.

7 Dread and fearsome are they;
their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

8 Their horses are swifter than leopards, more menacing than wolves at dusk;
their horses charge.

Their horsemen come from far away; they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

9 They all come for violence, with faces pressing forward;
they gather captives like sand.

10 At kings they scoff, and of rulers they make sport.

They laugh at every fortress, and heap up earth to take it.

11 Then they sweep by like the wind; they transgress and become guilty;
their own might is their god!

12 Are you not from of old, O LORD my God, my Holy One? You shall not die.
O LORD, you have marked them for judgment; and you, O Rock, have
established them for punishment.

13 Your eyes are too pure to behold evil, and you cannot look on wrongdoing;
why do you look on the treacherous, and are silent when the wicked swallow
those more righteous than they?

14 You have made people like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.

2 I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer
concerning my complaint.

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

4 Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.