

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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October 9, 2016

Twenty-Eighth 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 #4

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

All: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

One: Pray for your communities

All: Keep God in the center of all that is.

One: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

All: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires

One: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

All: and we can trust the promise.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, as we move into a time of worship this morning, we turn our hearts to you in hope knowing you are near. Bring forth praise from our open hearts, service from our willing hands, and deepen our connection to you and one another. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis 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

Ken Williams

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 #507

"Jesus, the Very Thought to Me"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Joe Weaver

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 111 (O.T. p. 622-623)

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (N.T. p. 82)

SERMON

"Giving Thanks (Even When We Don't Want To)"

The Rev. Heidi Carrington

Heath

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Upon This Rock"

Pepper Choplin

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Jesus tells us that where our treasure is there our hearts may be also. We give not because we must, but because we may. Because gratitude is the appropriate response to God's abundant grace. The morning 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 love 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 #423

"Great is Your Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***God Be With You***

**God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Members of the Congregation

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Fred Merrill & Jo Worthen

LAY READER

Diane Dunn

USHERS

Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell, Sue Hunt, & Michael Bryan

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Beth Hunter

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Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 9, 2016

Psalm 111

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Luke 17:11-19 \

- ¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus^l was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."