

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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First Sunday after Epiphany



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)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

(Children are excused to go to their classes at this time.)

HYMN #164

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

(O.T. p. 766)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 2:1-12

(N.T.p.2)

SERMON

"Epiphany: What's your Idea?" The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

The riches of our land far surpass the resources of the visitors from the east who came to worship the infant Jesus. As they opened their treasure chests, may we open our wallets and our lives in expressions of thanksgiving and commitment. This offering is an expression of our priorities

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 bring our wealth to praise you, God. All the riches of our abundance you have provided. The land has yielded prosperity for us so that even the poorest among us have something to give. Above all, we are thankful for your revelation in Jesus Christ that gives us good news to share. May this offering accomplish among us, and far beyond us, the mission you give to each one of your people. Amen.

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

***HYMN #154**

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Dona Nobis Pacem

POSTLUDE

Please remain quietly attentive to Jeff's offering.

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Members of the Congregation

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Reni Harnden and Cindy Pingree

LAY READER

Mackenzie Kittery

USHERS

Ken Gould, Brian Williams

Shirley Dickason, Dee Deranian, and Michael Bryan

GREETER(s)

Connie Cox

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

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