

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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June 11, 2017

First Sunday after Pentecost



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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WELCOME to CHURCH IN THE ROUND

COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

Are there Announcements? What are your Joys and Concerns?
Please be sure to get a bulletin, a hymnal and a stone as you enter.

PRELUDE

GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP - Gather Us in

Speaker 1 will read a verse and then:

**All: Gather us in the lost and forsaken
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

Speaker 2 will read another verse and then:

**All: Gather us in the rich and the haughty
gather us in the proud and the strong
give us a heart so meek and so lowly
give us the courage to enter the song.**

*HYMN NO. #265 - Come, O Spirit, With Your Sound

***INVOCATION**

**Gather us in, Holy and Wondrous God. Teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Amen**

***SONG OF PRAISE #756**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
(You may be seated.)

CELEBRATING: Music Ministry, Building Rehab and Stewardship

GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. #270 - Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

SCRIPTURE John 14:15-27 and MESSAGE OF ASSURANCE

CHOIR ANTHEM: This is the Time to Be Joyful Pepper Choplin

CELEBRATING: Christian Education and Outreach and Mission

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

During our prayer time, you are invited to hold your stone. At the end, you will bring your stone to the center table and pick up a word – the word you need at this time.

As we lay our requests before God, I will end by saying, “Lord in your mercy” to which all of us will respond with: **"Hear our prayer"**. There will be an opportunity for you to lift a name or a cause, at the end of which please say: “Lord in your mercy” and we will respond with: **"Hear our prayer"**.

(For the world) Loving God, Guide all those who are called to lead and advocate in the world, may they carry love with them always. Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

(For leaders and care-givers) Creating God, Inspire our leaders, teachers, doctors, social workers and counsellors to be bringers of hope in all situations. Lord in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

(For those who are grieving.) Consoling God, Comfort those who live with grief. Help them see the light of heaven and to know comfort. Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

(For those who are hurting.) Comforting God, Come embrace those in pain and physical suffering. May they feel you close to them. Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

We now bring to mind any in our family or community that we know to be in need as we say their names aloud: _____

(We will conclude with: Lord in your mercy and we respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

And now, Precious Lord, we consider all of the burdens that we carry. We will now imagine that the weight of the burden is transmuted into the stones we hold. In your mercy, we put these burdens at the foot of your cross, handing them over to you.

Please bring up your stone at this time and then you may take a word that you need most from the table: Kindness; Hope; Faith; Peace; Forgiveness; Joy; Comfort; Love

(When everyone has returned to their seats, we will pray 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CELEBRATING: Work of the Deacons and Facilities

FINANCIAL GIVING

INVITATION

“Rejoice in the LORD always” (sung as a round; led by Sue Handy)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

**We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*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.

CELEBRATING: Board of Personnel and Finance Committee

LEAVETAKING

*HYMN NO. #272 - On Pentecost They Gathered

CELEBRATING: Community Life, Committees, Staff and all others

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

LAY READER

USHERS Stanley & Holly Gorgol, Tom & Andrea cooper, and Michael Bryan

GREETER(s) Everyone!

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

MUSIC DIRECTOR Susan Handy

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR Christine Lehoullier

ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST Chris Ferrin

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Hannah Collier

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