

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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June 25, 2017 Third 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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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

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

All: We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.

One: All that God has made reflects God's creation.

All: We are created in God's image and are surrounded by God's abundance.

*HYMN #293 - Sweet, Sweet Spirit

***INVOCATION**

Triune God, known to us in more ways than we can count, we marvel at the mystery of life. You have honored us by revealing yourself in the life and ministry of Jesus and the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Let us experience your presence in this time of worship. 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

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing (3X)

And obey the Spirit of the Lord

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

*HYMN #281 - Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT	Psalm 8	(O.T. p.542)
NEW TESTAMENT	John 20:19-23	(N.T. p. 119)
SERMON	The Spirit of the Lord Among Us	The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
CHOIR ANTHEM	"Wade in the Water"	arr. Shackley

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

What will we return to God for all the bounty of the universe we have been given to enjoy? You know the answer.

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

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your presence on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen.

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

*HYMN #273 - Praise with Joy the World's Creator

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated until the postlude has concluded.)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Cindy Pingree and Reni Harnden

LAY READER

Beth Hunter

USHERS

John Bartel, Brian Williams and Michael Bryan

GREETER(S)

Connie Cox

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

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