

First Parish Congregational Church
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First Parish Church
Established 1719

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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WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

Acolyte: Charlotte Dugan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand in body or Spirit.)

One: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Let us open our hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**Many: The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.
Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

One: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**Many: Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!
How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!**

*HYMN: #593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

*INVOCATION (unison)

We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. Out of the whirlwind that is life, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our busyness. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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 Going to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In our hearts these gifts we bring; for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you; in all we say and all we do. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Deborah

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Presentation from the Family Promise-Nashua by Pam Small, Director

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

*HYMN: #438 It is Well with My Soul

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 17:32-40

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 4:35-41

SERMON: Bringing Our True Selves to God

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Storm is Passing Over" Tindley, arr. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Let us truly praise God with all we have to give. Christ walks with us through difficult days and sleepless nights. We give thanks for the church that proclaims this good news. These moments of giving represent the commitment we make to God. The morning offering will now be received.

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

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We hear the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

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

*HYMN: #403 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Members of the Congregation

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Julie Turner, Ryan Lehoullier

LAY READER:

Dee Deranian

USHERS

John Bartel, Margie Ives, Pat Cefaly, Brian Williams

GREETER

Maury Davidson

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Susan Handy

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Christine Lehoullier

ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST

Chris Ferrin

INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Michelle Guerrin

Samuel 17:32-40

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God."

³⁷ David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!”

Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”

⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”