

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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*I am
the Bread
of Life*

John 6:35



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)

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonates en Trio in D minor.....Joseph Bodin de Boismortier
Doucement
Trio fur drei Floten, Op. 59Alexander Tcherepnin
Prelude
Sonata in D Major.....Johann Joachim Quantz
Largo

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT;

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AUGUST

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

*HYMN: # 26 We Worship You, God

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

One: In all times and places, we can know God's steadfast love.

Many: Let us support one another as we seek to know God.

One: Let us find hope in God's love and give thanks for this new day!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

*INVOCATION (unison)

We come to you, holy God, with our many needs: with weighty decisions to make or battles we cannot win, or unexpected losses or broken relationships, or feelings we do not want to admit or realities we do not want to face. We come with all of that, O God, in the hope to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, instead seeking to find fullness of life with you.

Amen (You may be seated.)

***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

Jesus loves me!

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. (Children are excused.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 34

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

NEW TESTAMENT: John 6:35, 41-51

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

SERMON: Heavenly Bread

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN: # 503 O Savior Let Me Walk with You

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We who have eaten manna in the wilderness are chosen to pass on the bread of life to neighbors in our own community and around the world. May our giving reflect the fragrant offering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ! The morning offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Flotentrío.....Laszlo Zempleni
Adagio

Flutes en Vacances.....Jacques Casterede
Flutes Reveuses

*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 your continuing providence, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace and love to your children. Amen.

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

*HYMN: #81 God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

BENEDICTION

Postlude

Sonata in D Major.....Johann Joachim Quantz
Vivace

Flotentrío.....Laszlo Zempleni
Allegro

Guest Musicians: David Howard, Valerie Roche, Jeanette Tausanovitch
Welcome to First Parish Church!

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH	Members of the Congregation
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Joanne Worthen and Carol Bates
LAY READER:	Julie Turner
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