

First Parish Congregational Church
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March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent



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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

*HYMN: Gather Us In (See insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we quiet our fears and anxieties, God welcomes us.

Many: For God is our light and our salvation;

One: We look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance;

Many: God is the very stronghold of our lives.

*INVOCATION (unison)

In this place, our hearts take courage. God's goodness is all around us.

We need in this hour to remember who we are – and whose we are. We need to let you gather us under your wings. Hear our cries and help us to walk with you. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE # 756 – Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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 and 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 Liz Greenberg

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 as we sing: **"Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."**

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 27

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 13:31-35

SERMON: "A Hen Gathering Her Brood"

WE RESPOND WITH SILENCE AND PRAYER

*HYMN: #775 – On Eagle’s Wings

PASTORAL PRAYER and SILENCE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

All who find a home in the house of God are invited to extend its sheltering and serving ministry to the world. What sacrifices can we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, who risked everything for us?

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY #780**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above you heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Amen.

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

*HYMN: # 81 – God Be With You

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACON

LAY READER

USHERS

GREETER

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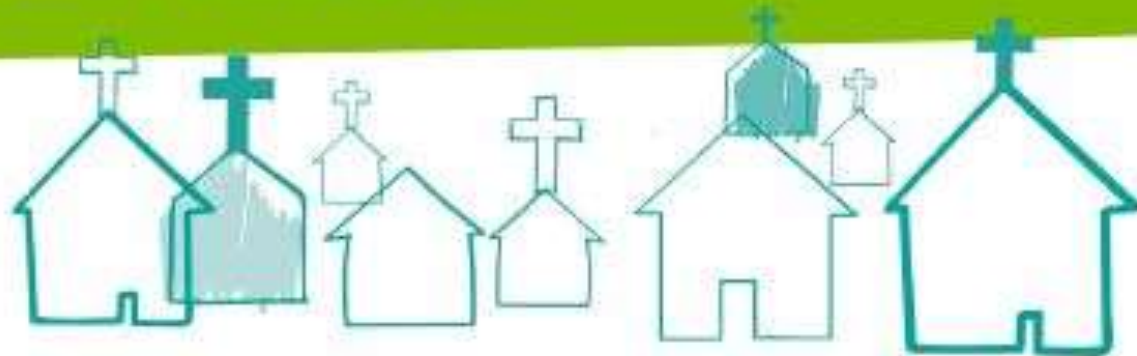
Debbie Gline Allen

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HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



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First Parish Church UCC
47 East Derry Road
Derry, NH 03038

Collection March 1st- April 5th

and will benefit:

First Parish Church's
missions, including
youth activities and
outreach.



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603-434-0628 or

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-  ACCESSORIES

**We request all
items to be clean
and in good
condition-
Thank you!**

Declutter Challenge!

Our decluttering challenge this Lent is a daily practice that encourages you to focus on just one thing a day. Each day you take one thing that has served you well – but you no longer need. Take this challenge with friends! Your items benefit the church because Savers pays us per pound!

We have flyers available in the foyer. Take some! Share them with friends, family, neighbors! Maybe someone you know is doing Spring Cleaning or moving, or downsizing. Offer to pick up their donations and bring them to the church. Deadline is April 5.

Let's work together to make this new fundraising project a huge success!