

First Parish Congregational Church
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May 19, 2019

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Outdoor Ministries Sunday**

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 Sue Lindeman

*HYMN: # 84 — This Is the Day

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to learn and grow.

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to try new things.

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to connect with God.

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to share our story.

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to feel the warmth of God.

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to lean on one another.

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space to be still and listen. (pause)

One: As we gather for worship we celebrate

All: A space where all are welcome welcome, a space to worship.

*INVOCATION (unison)

Awesome God, we come this morning to celebrate and to give thanks for all that you have done in our lives. Be with us as we remember the experiences of being out in your Creation that have connected us to you.

God of Grace and Glory, help us to follow Jesus as his disciples. Help us to form one community, united in love, to work for peace, and to bring hope to all people. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: Praise Our God Together Singing
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 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:

Debbie Gline Allen

SONG: All God's Critters by Bill Staines

All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing
low, some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
And some just clap their hands or paws or anything
they got now.

It's a simple song of livin' sung everywhere by the ox
and fox and grizzly bear,
By the grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly
raccoon and the turtle dove.

Children are welcome to stay up front or go back to sit with their parents.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

PSALM 121

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!

The Lord is your protector;
the Lord is your shade right beside you.

The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.

The Lord will protect you from all evil;
God will protect your very life.

The Lord will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
now and forever.

SHARING OUTDOOR MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

Horton Center & Star Island Campers

A LITANY FOR OUTDOOR MINISTRY

One: For the miracle of creation, in all its infinite diversity and
splendor we give thanks to the One who sustains us.

**Many: We give thanks that we too, are a part of creation.
We pray that we might remember our status as**

Children of God, through our participation in the circle of life.

One: For the rhythm of a paddle gently striking the water, the morning mist giving way to reveal the majesty of mountain peaks, the radiance of sunset, the sparkle on the water, and the dance of the dragonflies,

Many: We praise you!

One: God, we know that we have too often isolated ourselves from the very things that bring us a connection to You. We pray for the wisdom to seek out places such as Jesus did: the mountain, the plain, the lakeshore, and the wilderness.

Many: We pray that we might remember that Christ is present in ourselves and in one another.

One: We pray for all those who need to be part of an inclusive community, a place where the natural world radiates, or to both, and yet who cannot find the time, the trust, or the courage to do so.

Many: We give thanks for the places in our lives that give us renewal and help us to deeply know You, and others on the journey.

One: Gracious God, we pray for camps, and retreat centers, and all sacred places whose mission is to bring people to an awareness of your presence and peace.

Many: We pray for each participant on all United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministries programs, that they may have a safe and meaningful experience, a season of strengthening faith, and a whole lot of fun!

One: We thank you for the astoundingly beautiful places, infused with divinity, our church's camps, Horton Center

and Star Island. Bless this season with grace, abundance, safety, connection and love.

Many: And God, please help each of us to live out the message of the out-of-doors:

***All: To love and commune with you, to love and care for ourselves, to love one another and your Creation.
Amen***

WE RESPOND WITH MISSION

Guest from Upper Room – Shelly Koza

SONG: Here I Am, Lord (*see insert*)

SILENCE AND PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER ECHO SONG

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God has called us to a ministry of service: water for the thirsty, comfort to those who grieve, healing for ones in pain, acceptance for persons who have not accepted themselves. This is the time to offer our time and strength as well as money, that God's will may be realized among us. The morning offering will now be received.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Amazing Grace Medley (with My Chains Are Gone) Hymn #547

*DOXOLOGY: To the tune of "Chim-Chim-Cher-ee"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us - a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in giving. Amen.

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

*HYMN: #471 What A Covenant

BENEDICTION: Shalom Circle

Shalom, my friends, shalom, my friends,
shalom, shalom,

'Til we meet again, 'til we meet again, shalom,
shalom

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH Members of the Congregation

DEACON Sue Lindemann

LAY READER Rachel Cobban

USHERS Dusty Patrick, Joan Crimlisk, Verna Elwell,
Michael Bryan

GREETER Liz Greenberg

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Debbie Gline Allen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Christine Lehoullier

INTERIM ACCOMPANIST Kaitlyn Leahy

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Michelle Guerrin

**Please visit these websites for more information about
United Church of Christ
summer camping opportunities for all ages:**

Horton Center in the White Mountains of New
Hampshire: <https://hortoncenter.org>

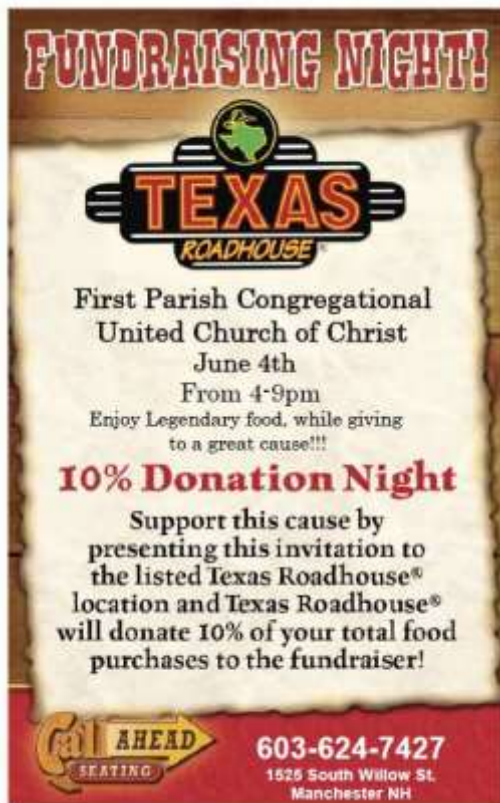
Horton Center Open House Saturday, June 8, 11a.m. - 4
p.m.

Star Island off the coast of New
Hampshire: <https://starisland.org>

Pilgrim Lodge on Lake Cobbosseecontee in
Maine: <https://www.pilgrimlodge.org>

Many thanks to Shelly Koza, Marketing & Events Coordinator
from the Upper Room, Derry's Family

Resource Center (<https://www.urteachers.org>), for bringing a
Mission Moment this morning.



RAFFLE!!!
NH Fisher Cats
Vs. Portland Sea Dogs
Monday July 15th 7:05pm
Four Tickets and a Parking
Pass!
Raffle Tickets available for
purchase after service today &
May 26th or in the office.
Drawing for this and other
items will be at our Fundraising
Night at Texas Roadhouse on
June 4th!

General Announcements May 19, 2019

Thinking about becoming a member of First Parish? **Let**
Pastor Deborah know and be watching for a "new member

orientation” coming soon. We will welcome new members in June.

The Task Force on Moving Forward - we will have a congregational discussion to get your input on the draft Covenant that the Task Force has developed on ways to improve how we communicate with each other on difficult issues. June 2 at 6:30pm & June 9. Please sign up in the office

Adult Faith Formation books are in for those who have signed up for class starting May 21st. Please sign out your book from the office. Email cedirector@fpc-ucc.org with any questions.

Kindness Rocks Workshop, Saturday May 25th 9-11am in John/Rainbow Room for adults and children. Please join us and help our Kindness Rock garden grow!

Dining for Dollars Tuesday June 4th, 4-9 p.m. Texas Roadhouse in Manchester. Please note, this is Kid’s Night, with crafts, mascot Andy the Armadillo will be there, and Kid’s meals are only \$1.99! In addition, we will have a raffle on site for a Fisher Cats Ticket & parking package, as well as some scratch off ticket baskets! Raffle tickets will also be available May 19th & 26th after worship service or in the office.

Best Breakfast June 8th 8:00-11:00 celebration of the Mothers, Fathers, Grandmothers, Grandfathers and

Caregivers of the church and wider community in between Mothers and Fathers Days. \$10 adults/ \$5 ages 5-12/ \$40 Family Price Photobooth! Crafts & games for children! Raffle prizes for all ages! Enjoy pancakes, bacon, eggs, OJ & coffee!

Knitting scarves mission for those in need. If you are interested in starting a scarf but need supplies and direction, please let Barbara know. A basket of yarn and needles are in the narthex.

Ministry of Care~ Would YOU be willing to make a meal once a month? Please consider when you make a meal for your family, double the recipe and share! You never know who is in need. Please contact Anne Engelhardt at 603-321-9428 or annehardt@comcast.net.

Signups for First Parish's Church's Fundraising Talent/Art Show have begun! All proceeds will benefit our new Derry, NH homeless outreach effort R.E.A.C.H., started by our own youth here at FPC! June 9th: Auditions/Rehearsals 12 -2 pm / All Art will be due by this date as well. June 22nd: TALENT SHOW! Currier Hall 3 - 5 pm; artists and performers please arrive by 2pm.

Contact cedirector@fpc-ucc.org or 603-264-9261 with any questions. Registration form for a table to sell items is available on line and in the office deadline is June 9th but is first come first served.

Vacation Church Camp Registration is open! Mark your calendars for July 15th - 18th and let's go TO MARS AND BEYOND! Registration forms are on the website or in the office.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and support for me and my family during my recent heart surgery and recovery. It was very much appreciate ~ Harry Carter

Mark your calendars!

Deadline for June Newsletter is Tuesday May 28th ~ Thank you!

May 20th ~ Mission 6:00

May 21st ~ Start of Adult Faith Formation 6:20 / Facilities 7:00

May 22nd ~ By-Laws 7:00

May 25th ~ Kindness Rocks 9:00

Purchase or reload your  gift cards after church.

You can help the church budget by when you shop at Hannafords.

A percentage of the dollars that you **already** spend at Hannafords AND on Amazon can help the church.

Do your Amazon shopping by going first to the church

website: www.fpc-ucc.org

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IN OUR PRAYERS - May 19, 2019

PRAYERS OF JOY

Pastor Deborah's 15 year ordination anniversary is May 15th!
Congratulations to Debbie Gline-Allen on being presented to
The Rockingham Association as the newest MID

Welcome to Kaitlyn Leahy as our interim accompanist!

Applebee's Dining for Dollars- We raised \$200.60! Thank you
for going to Panera on Tuesday!

SongWeavers was an amazing concert. People were dancing
in the aisles!!

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

300th Founders Day weekend! Grace upon grace! Joy upon
joy!

All of the amazing guests – clergy and visitors – during
Founders Weekend.

Gratitude to Paul Lindemann and Nancy Heywood!

Marilyn rang the bell! Margie rang the bell! Marge rang the
bell! The pastors rang the bell!!

Savers fundraiser! We raised \$370!! Thank you! Applebee's
Dining for Dollars – thanks for coming out!

PRAYERS OF HEALTH and HEALING

Randy Lariviere and his wife Dee - Medical Concerns

(Randy)

Jane Krantz - Medical Concerns, delayed shoulder surgery

Larry Krantz - Jane's Main Caregiver - prayers for comfort
and strength

Jessie Brooks, friend of Tim Beers, for strength

David Huse- breathing problems

Victims of the Synagogue shooting in CA

Kathy Holland - surgery due to a recurrence of breast cancer

Connie Cox's sister, Suzie, for the stress of being a caregiver and for her husband **Kent**, with multiple health issues with leukemia and its treatment

Tommie Pitts – medical concerns

Elizabeth Phaneuf- is home and still needs our prayers

Louis Boucher and Elsie Larson, Sue Weaver's father and step-mother, they are both in failing health.

John Barker, Kris' husband, recovering but at home in IN.

Doug & Noreen Greetham, Diane Gordon's parents

SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS

Bob Dinan, father of Karen & Bob Wilson's friend Kristen Wilson, ongoing struggle with cancer

Avis Hanson, Marjorie Palmer's cousin's wife, battling, and in treatment for, cancer

Bill VenderWoude, undergoing treatment for two types of cancer

Brian Krantz and ALL of the Wildland Firefighters this fire season

Victims of floods and fires; Refugees and their families

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community

Victims of the shootings throughout the US.

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors

Victims of violent attacks

Our Covenant Partner: Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

Tim Beers – Health & strength

Jay Bingel – Health & strength

Nothing is impossible; the word itself says "I'm possible." --
Audrey Hepburn

HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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