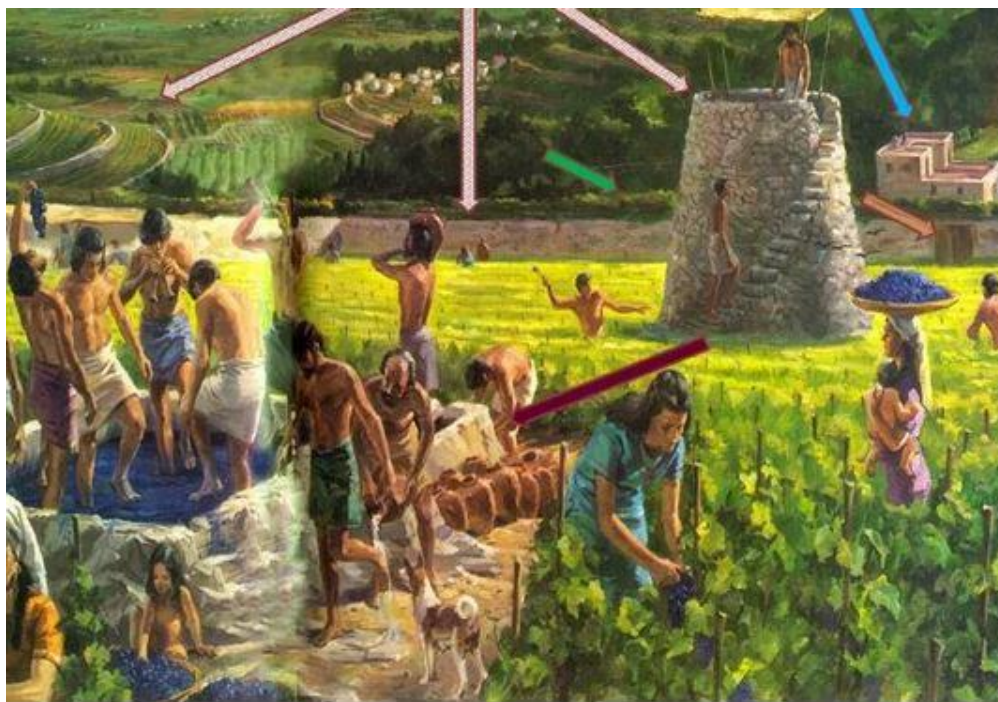


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ISAIAH's Vineyard Song

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.”

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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

One: Return, beloved of God, to the fold.
God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

Many: God calls us by name and awaits our coming.

God summons us out of hiding.

One: God is like a shepherd, caring for her flocks.
God is like a gardener, carefully tending his vines.

**Many: Surely God has provided richly for us.
Our lives are sustained by God's good gifts.**

One: Worship the one who longs for our coming.
Sing praise to the one who expects our faithfulness.

**Many: We call on God, who gives us life.
May God's face shine on us to save us.**

*INVOCATION (unison)

Surrounded by a rich heritage of faith, we seek to know you, God, in this time of worship. Thankful for our spiritual ancestors, we return to our roots to find our true identity. We lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts so we can give

attention to your call and your message. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

***SONG OF PRAISE:** Praise Our God Together Singing Alleluia

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

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: Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

¹ Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

SERMON

HYMN #109 With Joy Draw Water

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, people of generations before us who have given their all in faithfulness to God. Much is required of those who make a faith commitment. Much is required of us. We give, however, not out of fear or a sense of duty but because it is a joyful opportunity to express thanks for all we have received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

*DOXOLOGY #420 We Praise You, O God

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy

and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. Amen.

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

*HYMN #611 O Day of God, Draw Near

BLESSING

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH-Members of the Congregation

DEACON- Diane Dunn

LAY READER- Pat Plouff

USHERS -Jack Martin, Michael Bryan

GREETER- Please everyone Greet each other!

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER-The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ ORGANIST-Joan Virga

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR -Christine Lehoullier

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Michelle Guerrin

General Announcements November 17, 2019

Ecumenical Service of Remembrance for those lost to substance abuse disorder that will be held at Hampstead Congregational Church on Friday, November 22nd at 7pm.

December Newsletter ~ Please send articles by early morning Monday, November 25th, so it can be sent before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Articles are welcome anytime. Thank you!

Angel Tree ~ Each year at Christmas time, Missions sponsors the Angel Tree program which assists families in need in providing a little more Christmas joy for their children. Please return completed request forms to the office by November 27th.

Spaghetti Supper is the day after Thanksgiving and help is needed that day from 1-2pm. Please contact Kevin Gordon or Bill Mann if you are able to volunteer.

We are looking for ushers! If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Diane Dunn or Michelle in the office.

January's Adult Faith Formation selection is out and we are excited to announce that we will be reading Anne Robertson's 1st volume of her new series, "Exploring Justice: The Ten Commandments." Signup for class and get more information in the lobby on Sunday!

Ken Gould is in Mass General, cards can be sent to his home address: 7 Riverwoods Dr. Apt P202
Exeter, NH 03833

Mark your calendars!

November 17th ~ 6:00 Mission Meeting

November 20th ~ 7:00 Council Meeting

November 21st ~ 8:00 Thanksgiving Baskets- preparations begin!

November 24th ~ Thanksgiving Sunday! What are you grateful for? Be ready to share your gratitude list!

Pastor Deborah will be visiting family from the 12th to the 21st. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Beth Hunter (603) 505-0702 or Diana Sweeney (603) 965-5480.

Please visit the table in the lobby~

- **Worship Flowers and Coffee Hour Signup sheets~** A wonderful opportunity to acknowledge special people and events in our life.
- Advent Workshop and Christmas Pageant Sign Ups.
- **Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed** is Ready for donations!
- **Sugar Plum Fair! November 23rd!** Accepting White Elephant donations until November 20th
- **Brunching for Dollars - November & December— Sunday, 10am-3pm!** East Derry Tavern will donate 10% back to First Parish Church. Please take a flyer and head over for Brunch!
- **Poinsettias~ Order your Christmas Poinsettia!** They are \$8 each and please order by Dec 8th

- There are **Pledge Cards** on the table for you to fill out if you haven't already done so.

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 can help the church.
Checks can also be dropped off at the church during office hours. Thank you!

Holiday Shopping is around the corner! Amazon shopping: Do your Amazon shopping by going **FIRST** to the church website: www.fpc-ucc.org This program is different from Amazon Smile. We receive a much larger percentage of profit by going through our website.

First Parish Congregational Church IN OUR PRAYERS – November 17, 2019

PRAYERS OF JOY

Visit from the Aghadowey Rural Kinship

Brittany (Pastor Deborah's daughter) & Jeremy welcomed Harlan Nathaniel, at 6:54pm on Oct. 21!

Thank you, Bill Smallwood of W.J. Smallwood Landscaping! Bricks look great!

Thank you, Paper Angels! We are good for now!

Harvest Supper- Wonderful seeing families and friends!

Thank you to all volunteers!

Wonder Wednesday Worship is such a breath of fresh air!
An oasis in these troubled times.

Gratitude to people who are catching up with their pledges! SoulCollage* and Labyrinth presentations were very well received at the NH UCC women's retreat!

Thanks to Liz and Pastor Deborah and the 12 women from First Parish who attended!

Kindness Rocks – with gratitude to Christine Lehoullier, our kindness ambassador

PRAYERS OF HEALTH and HEALING

Cole Ferry, Cindy Pingree's nephew, was in a car accident and is in an induced coma.

The family of Bill VenderWoude, who passed away after a long struggle with cancer

Prayers for Paula Robinson and family

Ken Gould has been moved to Mass General awaiting tests.

Alyssa Mulhern and her family, she is a friend of Diane Breeden, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and surgery is planned in a month.

Marge Palmer's sister Ruth in Wisconsin is in need of our prayers.

Jo Worthen's sister Barb continues to struggle with cancer.

Marge Palmer's Brother in law, Steve, passed away. Prayers for Nancy and the family.

Jo Worthen's co-worker Cindy lost her sister to cancer, leaving her husband and a 9 year son

Family and friends of Alice Coller who passed away on October 8th in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick Plouff, being treated for recurring leukemia.

Lynn Dinan, continued prayers for health and healing

Connie Cox's sister, Suzie: her husband Kent passed away after a long illness.

Randy Lariviere and his wife Dee - Medical Concerns
(Randy)

Jessie Brooks, friend of Tim Beers, for strength

Tommie Pitts – medical concerns

SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS

Andrea Cooper health & strength

Aghadowey Rural Kinship – their safe travels and enriching visit in the US!

Karen and Bob Wilson on their exciting year long voyage!

Southern NH Family Promise

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

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

Jay Bingel – Health & strength

Tim Beers – Health & strength

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

Brian Krantz and ALL of the Wildland Firefighters this fire season

Victims of floods and fires and violence; Refugees and their families

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors

Our Covenant Partner: Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc.