

First Parish Congregational Church
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The kingdom is divided



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

*HYMN #596 Rock of Ages 1, 2, 3

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

Many: We will praise God as long as we live.

One: Do not rely on things that are perishable.

Many: God keeps faith with us today and forever.

One: We have received grace to minister in Jesus' name.

Many: We seek to keep the faith by sharing it.

*INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, Your plenty meets us in our poverty with all that we need. Open our eyes for Your presence. Watch over us that we may speak Your word of hope. Come to uphold the grieving and forlorn, confront the self-satisfied, and challenge us all to authentic, caring, prophetic ministry. Help us to live as your faithful children. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Halle, halle, Halle-lu-jah (x3)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SPECIAL MUSIC Ubi Caritas by Bob Hurd

(Translation: Where there is true charity, God is present)

GOD'S MISSION AMONG US

R.E.A.C.H: A project of hope and outreach to area homeless and disadvantaged.

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: Rehoboam and the need for servant leadership

SERMON: "E pluribus unum"

HYMN #391 In the Midst of New Dimensions

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

The revealed gospel needs human transmitters. The dispossessed of the world need practical compassion. God calls us to use our abilities and our accumulated resources to reveal the good news of Jesus Christ in daily acts of love. Our offerings support many ministries.

OFFERTORY MUSIC One Spirit, One Church - Kevin Keil

*DOXOLOGY We give but your own, what-e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Yours alone. We give it gratefully.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We praise you with joy, holy God, for the gospel that extends our human vision and challenges our cherished traditions. We commit ourselves and our gifts to the sharing of life-giving good news. May we be equipped to preach the faith in word and deed. Amen.

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

*HYMN #386 The Church's One Foundation

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Members of the Congregation

DEACON

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Financial Stewardship:

Our income is much lower than we had planned for this year. We are asking everyone to catch up on the pledges you made, if at all possible. In some cases, you may find that you are in a position to add more to your financial giving.

IF you SHOP with at Hannaford's or Amazon, one extra step on your end helps us a great deal!

Purchase or reload your  gift cards. If you aren't here Sunday morning, call the office and/or send a check and it can be added to the next cycle. Checks can also be dropped off at the church during office hours. Thank you!

A percentage of the dollars that you **already** spend at Hannafords goes to the church.

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