

First Parish Congregational Church
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**February is Black History Month
We celebrate today the “Spiritual”.**

February 9, 2020



The Fisk University Jubilee Singers helped to raise awareness of African American spirituals through concerts and recordings under the direction of George L. White. Photograph taken between 1870 and 1880.

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

CENTERING MUSIC and LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF PEGGO HORSTMANN
HODES & SONG REVIEW: Wade in the Water, Motherless
Child, and I Wanna' Die Easy When I Die; Swing Low, Sweet
Chariot

ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (Please
stand in body or Spirit.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118, selected verses)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**Many: Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

One: Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

**Many: Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

***SONG OF PRAISE: Refrain from #610: Glory, Glory
Hallelujah (3X): God's truth is marching on.**

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 Peggo "All Night, All Day"

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 6:1-13

¹(Jesus) left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here

with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon: “Singing Faith, Singing Life”

To include:

Congregation will sing “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land” #572.

Peggo will sing: “There Is a Balm In Gilead” a cappella

Congregation will sing: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” #454.

Congregation will recite the words together: “Steal Away” #599.

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SPIRITUAL SINGING: “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” / “All Night, All Day”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE: “Courage, My Soul”: Courage my soul/ And let me journey on/ Though the night is dark/ And I am far from home/ Praise be to God
The morning light appears/ The storm is passing over (x3)/
Hallelujah

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Psalm 118, selected verses)

The Psalmist sings:

⁵ *Out of my distress I called on the Lord;*

the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

As faithfully as God has been present to us and provided for us, we return a small measure for use in God’s realm here on this Earth. The morning offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Peggo leads us in partner songs:
Wade in the Water, Motherless Child, and I Wanna’ Die
Easy When I Die

*DOXOLOGY “This Little Light of Mine”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Based on Psalm 118)

Lord God, The Psalmist sang:

**“You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God’s steadfast love endures forever.”**

**May these gifts be multiplied, so that your work
might be accomplished through them and with
our humble help. Amen.**

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

*HYMN #570 We Shall Overcome

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

With deep gratitude to Peggo Horstmann Hodes for being here
this morning and sharing her grace and her gifts with us.

We are also grateful for the presence of the Boys Scouts this
morning as we celebrate their contribution to our service and
our world.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH - Members of the Congregation

DEACON - Jack Martin, Brian Williams

LAY READER - Jack Martin

USHERS - Brian Williams, Margie Ives, Michael Bryan

GREETER - Carol Guerrin

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

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ ORGANIST- Joan Virga

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR - Christine Lehoullier
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- Michelle Guerrin

Spirituals:

Once called “Negro Spirituals” these songs were made up by clever musicians without the benefit of pen, paper or instrumentation. The enslaved peoples had their own sense of rhythm and voice. These songs had to be easily remembered so they are rather short and repetitive. For variety, they created different patterns.

- There are “zipper” songs, like “He’s got the Whole World”. You can easily leave out the words “whole world” and put other words in there. For example, “the itty, bitty baby” or “you and me, sister.” What else does God have in his hands?
- There are also “partner songs”. Usually these are three songs sung at the same time.

This morning we will experience both of these.

General Announcements February 9, 2020

After Worship Service ~ Christian Ed Meeting- in AB & Fundraising Meeting in Cook

February Newsletter is available in the lobby or online.

K.I.T. will gather and make Valentines on February 12th at 12:30! Please let Margie or Michelle know of anyone who

would be blessed to receive a special Valentine! All are welcome to come to K.I.T., please bring a brown bag lunch.

A Service of LIGHT and LOVE on February 12th 7:00pm -

We live in a time of heartache, brokenness, conflict and chaos. In the words of Dr King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." We will express our brokenness and give it up to the One who makes all things new.

Ken Gould - Our dear friend Ken met our Creator on November 23, 2019. Ken touched the lives of so many people. We are putting together a tribute to him to be shared with his family. Do you have a story or words of appreciation that you would be willing to share? If you have a photo, a favorite memory, a story or simply "one word to describe Ken" please send it to pastordeborah@fpc-ucc.org by Monday February 17th. Thank you in advance, Pastor Deborah

Adult Faith Formation meets Tuesday evening from 6:30-8pm. We are reading the 1st volume of Anne Robertson's new series, "Exploring Justice: The Ten Commandments." All are welcome.

Every year Horton Center recruits hands on workers to open up camp for the season. It will be 5/15 - 5/17/20. Help if you can. Here is the

link: <https://hortoncenter.org/camps/opening-work-days/>

Prepared to Serve: February 22, 2020: Join us for a day of education, fellowship and fun as NH Conference plans a full schedule for the day that includes time for breakfast, worship, workshops, exhibits, and lunch with fellow UCC'ers from all over New Hampshire. Over 50 different workshops offered on a variety of topics, we pray that this day will be meaningful and productive. Look at this year's schedule and sign up on <http://www.nhcucc.org/caring-for-congregations/prepared-to-serve> Sign up on church office door for car-pooling. Please see Pastor Deborah if you need a scholarship.

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed is ready for donations! Items accepted; Clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed animals. Please take a flyer in the lobby.

Save the Date: Monday March 2nd Dining for \$\$ ~ Fody's Tavern in Derry! 5:00-9:00pm

Mark your calendars!

Wednesday February 12th ~ 12:30 K.I.T./ 7:00 Wonder

Wednesday A Service of LIGHT and LOVE

February February 14th ~ Happy Valentine's Day!

Saturday February 29th ~10:00-2:00 Kindness Rocks! Currier Hall- Leap into 2020 with Kindness!

Monday March 2nd ~ 5:00-9:00 Dining for \$\$ - Fody's Tavern in Derry

Saturday March 7th ~ 10:00 ~ Ken Gould's Celebration of Life at Pilgrim UCC in Brentwood.

Purchase or reload your  gift cards after church. A percentage of the dollars that you **already** spend at Hannafords can help the church. Checks can also be dropped off during office hours. Thank you!

First Parish Congregational Church IN OUR PRAYERS – February 9, 2020

PRAYERS OF JOY

Andy Mack Sr. – who made a generous financial gift to rehab project!

Spaghetti Supper & Youth assistance!

Thank you to our Paper Angels!!

Annual Meeting was a wonderful success!

20 folks at Adult Faith Formation – we are looking at Priorities!

Planning a trip to Aghadowey in July!

Productive, informative and cooperative Council meeting

KIT: listening to the narrow escape of Pastor Deborah's father during WWII was awe-inspiring

Wonder Wednesday – we enjoyed an authentic, safe space to express our deepest feelings to God

Time spent with families

Another successful year of community fellowship with spaghetti supper! Thank you Spaghetti Angels!

Christmas Eve Services ~ Pageant, Carols, Lessons and Candlelight!

K.I.T. enjoyed listening to Marge Palmer telling Christmas stories. It was wonderful!

Gratitude to people who are catching up with their pledges!

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

PRAYERS OF HEALTH and HEALING

Mark Pingree undergoing tests and procedures for heart issues

Alyssa Mulhern (friend of Diane Breeden) and her family, diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer

Melanie Pawl's healing after foot surgery

Michael Bryan recovering at home. Cards can be sent to 16 Holton Street, Woburn, MA 01801

Vintage Grace is undergoing financial challenges

Joan (friend of Wendy Williams) diagnosis and treatment for liver cancer

Janice Paradzick - reoccurrence of cancer

A member of the Nutfield Coop school family: Grace Theroux, 2, and her family for complete healing of the leukemia and strength and comfort for the family during this difficult time.

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

Marge Palmer's granddaughter, Rebecca, after her recent surgery.

Selma Gould and Ken's children who are grieving the death of Ken on November 23.

Jorge Alpizar, fiancé of Liz's daughter Rebekah is undergoing treatment for prostate and bladder cancers.

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

SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS

Active Military

Andrea Cooper health & strength

Aghadowey Rural Kinship

Southern NH Family Promise

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

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

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.