

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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Jairus' Daughter Healed

February is Black History Month
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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us worship the God of creation!

Many: God does not faint or grow weary.

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Many: We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders.

One: Let us sing to God with great thanksgiving.

**Many: And open our ears to receive God's
Good News.**

*INVOCATION (unison)

Wonderful God, we dare to approach you because you assure us that we are not like mere grasshoppers to you. Our individual potential is not hidden from you, and the faithfulness of your church is important to you. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope restored. Make yourself known among us as we unite in your praise. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Claim your unity in Christ with all God's children. And let us realize how we need to confess our brokenness and seek healing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

At times, we act as if we can get along without You. In our church, we often pretend that we don't need others. We share the Gospel discreetly as if it were our possession. And in so doing we go against Your will for us. Forgive us, O God. Restore us to Yourself, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVNESS

God calls each one of us by name. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent. God promises that your strength will be renewed in these moments, that you will mount up with wings like eagles, that you will run and not be weary, that you will walk and not faint. Praise God!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: Come Unto Me

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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN #330 Let Us Break Bread Together

OUR SACRED STORY

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Please extend a hug or a handshake and say "Peace be with you" to those around you.)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and 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.

SHARING the MEAL

As we celebrate Communion today, **you will remain seated.** The elements will be brought to you - the

ushers will serve each half-row. You will first be invited to take the bread – **which you will HOLD so that we can ALL take the bread together.** This symbolizes that we are ONE BODY and that we are all one in the Spirit of Christ. (Please let us know if you need gluten-free bread.)

You will then be invited to take a cup of grape juice which symbolizes the cup of wine that Jesus shared with his friends, saying “This is my blood shed for you.” You are invited to prayerfully drink the cup in your own time. This demonstrates that we are each individuals in God’s Presence - each one doing the best that they can to be the hands and feet of Christ on this earth.

PEACE HYMN: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin
with me

Let There Be Peace on Earth The peace that was
meant to be

With God, our Creator family all are we

Let me walk with my neighbor In perfect harmony.

(Children are excused after the first verse.)

Let peace begin with me Let this be the
moment now.

With ev'ry step I take Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live Each moment in
peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin
with me

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE: **Mark 5:21-43**

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"

³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole

truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”

³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”

⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON: "Divine Delays"

HYMN #570 Amazing Grace

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We are entrusted with a commission to share the Gospel and to give freely of our time and abilities. Let us continue to give generously. The morning offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY "This Little Light of Mine"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or broken-hearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.

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

*HYMN #610 My Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH - Members of the Congregation

DEACONS- Rachel Cobban, Sue Lindemann

LAY READER- Rachel Cobban

USHERS - Diaconate

GREETER -Tom "Woody" Woods

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 February 2, 2020

February Newsletter is available in the lobby or online.

February 9th Activities: Breakfast in Currier Hall ~A group of Kitchen Angels will offer breakfast from 7-8:30! Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon \$5 per person. Proceeds to the Church and our Missions. **We welcome Special Guest Peggo Horstmann Hodes** as our guest musician for worship. She will sing, teach and lead us in many Spirituals from the African American Tradition. **Tours of the**

Meetinghouse after worship! ***Come eat, sing, learn and see!***

MEETINGHOUSE TOURS FEB. 9TH — Want to experience the historic Sanctuary firsthand and see the great preservation and accessibility work we've already accomplished? Stick around after church service on Sunday, Feb. 9th for tours organized by the Historic Preservation Committee and the Building Advisory Committee. Multiple tours will start about 11:30 and run for 30 minutes; please adults only.

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: Dining for \$\$ ~ Fody's Tavern in Derry!
Monday March 2nd- Details available shortly!

Pastor Deborah spoke with Michael Bryan and he is recovering slowly. He sends his love. He is grateful for all the cards that he is getting. He will return as soon as he can.

Pastor Deborah is out of town until Wednesday. Please contact a Deacon with any Pastoral Emergency.

Mark your calendars!

Tuesday February 4th ~ 6:30- Adult Faith/ 7:00 - Facilities

Sunday February 9th ~ 11:30 CE Meeting (AB) / 11:30

Fundraising Meeting (Cook)

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

Monday March 2nd ~ 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!

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IN OUR PRAYERS – February 2, 2020

PRAYERS OF JOY

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

Alyssa Mulhern and her family, she is a friend of Diane Breeden, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and is now receiving radiation

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

Wendy Williams' friend Joan has been diagnosed with liver cancer and is undergoing chemo treatment.

Janice Paradzick- reoccurrence of cancer

Malysa Deranian – fell skiing on January 8 but was able to go back to college!

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.

Rev. Renee Rouse on the death of her son, Tre.

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.
Cole Ferry, Cindy Pingree's nephew, was in a car accident
The family of Bill VenderWoude, who passed away after a long struggle with cancer
Prayers for Paula Robinson and family
Jo Worthen's sister Barb continues to struggle with cancer.

SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERSActive 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.