

First Parish Congregational Church  
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**August 30, 2020**



**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 #420 We Praise You, O God (vs. 1, 3)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned.  
A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

**Many: We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder  
of the human family.**

One: We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts,  
to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

**Many: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together  
may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

INVOCATION:

Journeying God, come into our house and find welcome here. Draw each of us to sit at your feet and listen to your words. Help us set aside all that would distract us from receiving you. Center our restless minds; soothe our anxious hearts; quiet our overwrought bodies; call to our thirsty souls. All this we pray Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Gloria Patri (Traditional)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen**

## WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Jesus said, "Let the little ones come unto me." Let's sing "Jesus loves me"

## 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: Luke 11:2-4

<sup>2</sup> (Jesus) said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

### SERMON: When Royal Metaphors Serve Us

### HYMN #527 I need You Every Hour vs. 1, 2, 4

I need you every hour, O God of grace,  
The peace your voice affords, I now embrace.  
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;  
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour, in faith or fear;  
Temptations lose their power when you are near.  
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;  
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour; teach me your will,  
And your rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;  
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

Let us be mindful today of the many blessings that we enjoy. Let us pause to consider the many blessings that we take for granted. As we give today, may we do so mindfully and in love, in joy, in prayer, in thanksgiving, and in unselfishness.

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

### \*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God all above you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

We bring to you the fruits of the earth, the work of our hands, and the gifts of our hearts, O God. And with them, we bring a yearning for justice, a passion for good, and a commitment to do your will. May our words and our works help to declare your goodness, we pray. Amen.

**WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYERS**

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

**HYMN #460** Be Not Dismayed vs.1, 3, 4

Be not dismayed whate'er betide; God will take care of you;  
Beneath God's wings of love abide, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;  
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

All you may need God will provide, God will take care of you;  
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;  
Lean, weary one, upon God's breast, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."**

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## *IN OUR PRAYERS - August 30, 2020*

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

Pastor Deborah and Liz truly appreciate the generosity of a week of vacation to visit family. We had a lovely visit with everyone in Rochester, NY! Next week we travel to Acadia, our version of Heaven on Earth. We are grateful for the gifted Members in Discernment who are covering while Pastor Deborah is away.

Verna Elwell: at home & on the mend. She thanks everyone for prayers & cards.

Shellie Aseltine – for leading worship service last Sunday!

Many thanks from Christine & Michelle for the gracious and generous bonus!

Labyrinth finger walks and growing appreciation in this ancient spiritual practice.

August Spaghetti Supper- Served many To GO dinners!

Great stewardship of the Mission Board!

All the work that Facilities Board is doing around the church!

Paul Lindemann's on-going help with our virtual worship.

Neighbors who love their neighbors by wearing masks and keeping distance!

### **PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION, HEALTH, AND HEALING**

**For the families of those who have died in our community:** Alan Pawl and family on the loss of Alan's mother; families of: Jo Worthen's Aunt Sandra; Nancy Williams (Brian Williams' mother: 8 Poplar Circle, Londonderry, 03053).

#### **For Courage and Strength:**

Paula Robinson

#### **For Healing:**

Jack Kluk, suffering from multiple issues

Jane Krantz, recovering from an infection

Rick (the father of Joanne Worthen's coworker Cindy) tested positive for Covid19, and struggling with an infection from a bypass heart operation.

Alan Pawl, recovering from back surgery.

Trina & Terrance Brand's nephew Nathan and his family (wife, young daughter, parents, and sister) At 32, he has been diagnosed with glioblastoma (brain cancer) and has 6-24 months to live. We pray for comfort and peace.

Marcie Zingo is recovering from leg amputation (19R Juniper Rd, Derry)

**For those with cancer:** Jay, Marjorie Palmer's friend, a 41-yr old father of 3 young children who has been recently diagnosed with multiple cancers and given possibly a year to live. Hanson, Marjorie Palmer's cousin's wife; from Nutfield Coop: Grace Theroux; Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick Plouff, recurring leukemia; Joan (friend of Wendy Williams) liver cancer; Janice Paradzick; Bob Dinan (friend of the Wilson's), Danny with stage 4 cancer, brother of Mary Jane (friend of Cobban family)

## **SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS**

For the families of those who are hospitalized and are unable to visit them.

For teachers, staff, & students the uncertainty of going back to school.

For those who choose hate and those who choose violence.

For people who are losing their livelihood due to this pandemic.

For health care professionals who are “on the front lines” of this war against covid-19

Parkland Hospital Personnel, All Nurses and Doctors, Hospice workers and employees  
of Nursing Homes and Extended care facilities; First Responders; National Guard

Active Military; Aghadowey Rural Kinship; Southern NH Family Promise

Andrea Cooper health & strength

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church; as well as our friend Kennedy

Gondongwe and everyone in Zimbabwe, a country riddled with revolution and  
pandemic.

Tim Beers – Health & strength

Bonnie Hillsgrove, friend of Tim Beers

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

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