

First Parish Congregational Church
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For it is
from within,
from the
human heart,
that evil
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Mark 7:21, NRSV



What Defiles?

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 # 2 Glory, Glory Hallelujah

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

One: Do not cling to old ways of doing things.

Many: God is creating a new day among us.

One: Our Creator offers us water in the wilderness.

Many: The call of God is gentle but persistent.

One: Surely God is faithful and will be with us.

**Many: All praise to Christ Jesus, who forgives and
heals.**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ain't Got Time to Die

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

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 7:1-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they

noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

⁹ Then (Jesus) said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God)—¹² then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother,¹³ thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

¹⁴ Then (Jesus) called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

¹⁷ When (Jesus) had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ He said to them, “Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹ since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

SERMON: "All we say and all we do"

HYMN: #472 Precious Lord

GOD'S MISSION AMONG US

A word about Family Promise

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

For the healing of nations and individuals, for the revitalization of the church, to the honor and glory of God, we bring our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. May this time of giving reflect our integrity as Christians. The morning offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY "This Little Light of Mine"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With joyous thanksgiving, we offer ourselves and our substance to honor you, our Creator. We want to be responsible stewards of all the resources gathered by our church and of all the bounty you have entrusted to us individually. Show us the way, gracious God. Amen.

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

HYMN #474 Jesus Lifted Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH - Members of the Congregation

DEACON - Sue Lindemann, Rachel Cobban

LAY READER -Sue Lindemann

USHERS - Dee Deranian, Nancy Berry, Michael Bryan

GREETER - Shirley Dickason

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 16, 2020

Please don't delay: Ken Gould - a tribute to Ken 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: If you are coming please sign the list on the door of the office so that we can carpool. This is a day that includes time for breakfast, worship, workshops, exhibits, and lunch with fellow UCC'ers from all over New Hampshire. Look at this year's schedule at <http://www.nhcucc.org/caring-for-congregations/prepared-to-serve> On-Line Registration is no longer available- only day of. 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.

Mark your calendars!

Dining for Dollars- Thursday February 27th 6am-5pm- O'Shea's Caife & Tae in Londonderry! 20% will be donated back to the church! No Flyer is required. Please just let the cashier know "First Parish"

Dining for Dollars Monday March 2nd ~ Fody's Tavern in Derry! 5:00-9:00pm. A flyer will be available in the office and on line.

Family Fun Night- March 13 evening- all ages welcome to enjoy family fun and friends!

Easter Flowers forms are available in the lobby and online. The deadline to order is March 15th.

Vendor Bingo is returning~ mark your calendar for Friday April 3rd 5:30-8:30. Details will follow!

Monday February 17th ~ 6:00 Mission Meeting/ 7:00 Finance Meeting

Wednesday February 19th ~ Council Meeting

Friday February 21st ~ CONTRA Dance

Saturday February 22nd – Prepared to Serve – Join us!

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 16, 2020

PRAYERS OF JOY

Mark Pingree and Jo Worthen both had successful procedures for heart issues this week.

Wednesday evening worship service was filled with joy and gratitude.

Welcome back Michael Bryan! Continued prayers of healing.

Worship on February 9 with Peggo Horstmann Hodes was such a blessing!

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

Time spent with families

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

PRAYERS OF HEALTH and HEALING

For the family of Constance (Connie) Dick, who passed away in September.

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

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.

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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