



WHO
WE ARE

FUMC PORTSMOUTH A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshipping, learning, and serving with all people as we embrace Jesus Christ's message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church we stand fully behind the statement "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors". We celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, physical or mental ability into full membership and participation in the life of this community of faith.

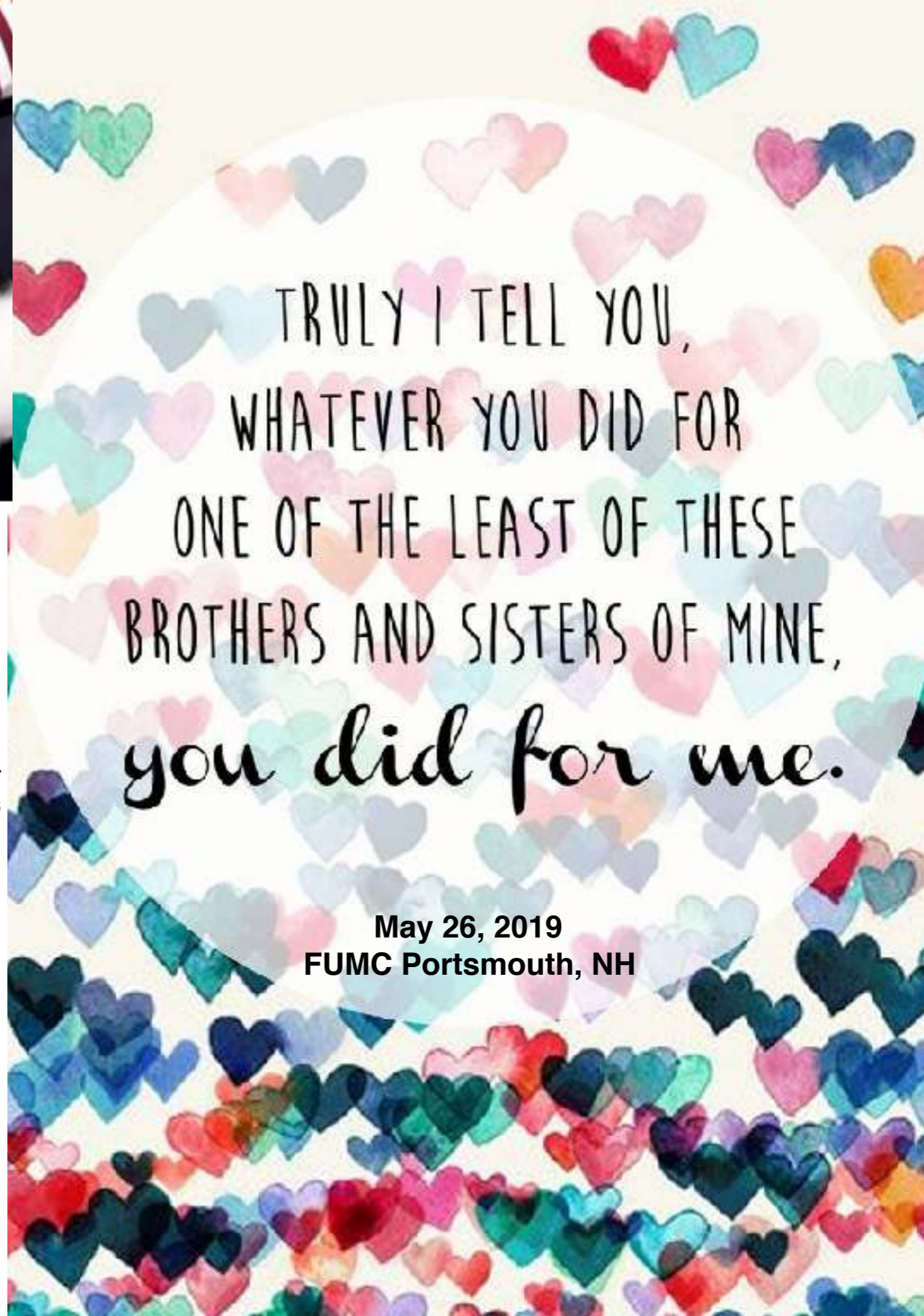


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WHATEVER YOU DID FOR
ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE
BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE,
you did for me.

May 26, 2019
FUMC Portsmouth, NH

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Celebrations

*Call to Worship

L: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

P: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

L: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

P: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

L: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

P: where those who are imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

*Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

UMH #585

A Time for the Child in all of Us

Prayer (unison)

Open our eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people; move our hands that they may feed the hungry.

Touch our hearts that we may bring warmth to the despairing; teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers. Let us share our possessions to clothe the naked; give us the care that strengthens the sick; make us share in the quest to set the prisoner free.

In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity, we partake of your divine presence. Amen.

Sung Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

Ministry of Music

Reading the Word:

Matthew 25:31-40

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Seacoast Family Promise"

Pati Frew-Waters

*Hymn:

"Pass It On"

UMH #572

The Sacrament of Baptism

Insert

Jackson Stone Geoffrion

Concerns and Joys

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: (Please join in singing the following:)

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. God of great gifts, you have given us so much, accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen.

Go Forth to Serve

*Hymn:

"Here I Am Lord"

UMH #593

*Choral Benediction (Congregation encircles the Sanctuary)

May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.

*Pastor's Charge

Postlude

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal TFWS = The Faith We Sing
Large print bulletins are available from the greeters

Welcome!

Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

We are an inclusive community that invites everyone to be part of our church fellowship. Thank you for being here, and we hope that you have had a meaningful experience of worshipping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson



Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Guest Worship Leader -Pati-Frew-Waters

Liturgist - Dave Atkinson

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Acolyte - Marilyn Stebbins

Greeters - Ken & Shannon Corpron

Ushers - Ken & Shannon Corpron

Sunday School - Sue Richards & Aerial Silanpaa

Sound Tech - Dave Richards

Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott

Photographer - Dave Atkinson



The Power Of Prayer

IF you
will
ask

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Gayle Gardei

Marion Collishaw

Sue Goodhue

Hunter Pinkley

Sylvia Bartlett

Brian Thompson

Malia Broe

Gil Stebbins

Rev. Bill Gardei

Woodie Lange

Barbara Chapman

Roseanne

Rev. David Kerr

Jim New

Kim Hishop

Bobbie Noble

Art Munson

Pastor Sue Ellery

Judy Doyon

Charles Gilman

Peter

Our Church Family

Barbara & Jim Slater

Barbara Sylvester

Pauline Boynton

Barbara Millar

Irene Derosier

Barbara Clement

Joette MacKenzie

Vicky Fernandez

Alissa Fernandez

Gabor [Brianna's father in-law]

Jessie

Today's altar flowers are in
Celebration of
Karen "Kaya" Sarosiek's
Graduation



Upcoming Events

Congratulations to Kaya Sarosiek!

Kaya (Karen) Sarosiek is receiving her Master of Science Degree in Environmental Science, with a concentration in Wildlife Biology, from Green Mountain College. Good work and congratulations! Join us **today** at 25 Lovell Road, Stratham for an Open House Celebration beginning at 4:00.

Our wonderful Alexa Langs is having a birthday! She invites us all to help her collect food for Gather, our local food pantry. Please bring your food donations to church this week and next Sunday, June 2 to help her with her gift to Gather. Let's help with lots of donations! Thanks!

Thank you Pati Frew-Waters from Seacoast Family Promise for sharing with us the message about their ministry. We support SFP by hosting them during the year and working with other faith organizations who provide food and shelter, as well as support while people who are in this program search for places to live.

SFP CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Monday, June 3rd at Pease Golf Course...Open to all! Win a Subaru Assent courtesy of Exeter Subaru. Silent auction, games, history of golf hole special and more. Registration underway on seacoastfamilypromise.org

Our D.S. Rev. Jim McPhee's Retirement Celebration is here at FUMC on 6/9. **Volunteers needed.** Please see Dave Richards for more information.

The next **Finance Trustees** meeting will be held on **6/4**, at 6:00 pm at the Parsonage.

UMC Market Place

<https://umcmarket.org/>

Do you shop on line? Have you ever heard of UMC Market Place? This is a place where you can shop on line with places like Staples, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Travelocity, and many other online stores, and when you go through the UMC Market.org, a percentage will be sent to the church. It's a great way to do fundraising with what you are already doing! To learn more, visit the website above and read about how it works, then sign up using First UMC, Portsmouth as the benefiting church. If you have any questions, please ask Rev. Deb.

Fundraising Ideas

Do you love **Texas Roadhouse Rolls**? Would you be interested in participating in a Fundraiser. This would consist of taking orders and distributing your orders upon delivery. Please let Rev Deb know you'd participate.

Would you participate in a **Flatbread Pizza** fundraiser? Once assigned a date, would you go have a flatbread and spread the word for our fundraiser night? Please Let Rev Deb know your interest. Thank you.

Thank you for all your **Grateful Heart Pledges**. If you would like to make a pledge, cards are available from the Greeters. Please put in offering plate.

Thank you to J Verne Wood for a successful Pre-Planning Funeral Workshop. **Informational packets** are on table near bulletin board in Sanborn Hall. Feel free to take one.



Come join us for coffee hour after the church service in Sanborn Hall...we'd love to catch up with you and see how your week has gone.

L: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

P: Glory to you!

L: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

P: Glory to you!

L: Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

P: Glory to you!

L: Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

P: All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

L: *Jackson*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

(The pastor, parents, sponsors and others immediately lay hands upon the child individually as the pastor says)

L: The Holy Spirit work with you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

(The pastor invites the congregation to welcome the child)

L: Let us welcome our new *brother* in Christ.

P: Child of God by water and the Spirit, we welcome you into God's new creation. Share with us in Christ's royal priesthood. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of Christ's church.

(Here the pastor takes the newly baptized into the congregation as (a) new sibling/siblings in Christ. Returning them to the parents and/or sponsors, and giving of the certificate and gifts.)

Written by: Dan Benedict and Taylor Burton-Edwards



L: Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church, puts us on the stage of God's saving drama, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit.

So, come to the water -- water poured over and immersing us, water flowing freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the waters, to baptize a *child*, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

(Pastor to all the people, and especially parents and sponsors)

L: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

P: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

L: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

P: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

L: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

P: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

(The pastor addressing the parents and/or other sponsors)

L: Will you nurture this child, *Jackson Stone Geoffrion*, in Christ's holy church?

(The parents and sponsors respond)

P: By teaching and example we will guide *him* to accept God's grace for *himself*, to profess *his* faith openly, and to lead a Christian life.

(The pastor addressing all the people)

L: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

P: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

L: Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include *Jackson* in your care?

P:

With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that *Jackson* will grow up to trust God and live Love's service in the world. We will pray for *his* on *his* journey of discipleship among us.

L: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

P: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, Jesus Christ God's only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*meaning universal)*

Thanksgiving over the Water

L: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

P: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

L: Let us pray: Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

P: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

L: But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

P: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

L: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

P: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

L: Come upon these waters.

P: Come upon these waters.

L: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

P: Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

L: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

P: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.