

Generosity

It's a Heart Thing

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE - PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
April 15, 2018



Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

Psalm 133

L: Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

P: For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

All: Let us glorify God!!

*Hymn

"Maker, in Whom We Live"

#88

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Infinite wisdom, you bring the dawn of each new day. We praise your name for sending Christ with the promise of new life. You scatter the clouds of darkness so that our eyes can behold the truth of your love. You replace the finality of death with an affirmation of life without ending. You burst upon our being with each ray of sunlight, bringing light to illumine our world with the presence of redeeming grace. As we stand on the threshold of your magnificence be pleased with our worship as we utter your name.

*Gloria Patri #71

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.

Special Music

"The Road to Emaus"

Dianne Crisp

Time for the Child

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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

*Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#454

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

*Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Message

Gratitude Moment with John VanReenan

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jim Slater - Piano Solo

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"Take My Life, And Let It Be"

#399

*Choral Benediction (The 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.

Benediction

Postlude

*Stand if you are able

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters



GREETINGS FROM REV. BETSY

The door of inclusive fellowship in FUMC is wide and always stands open.

A warm welcome is extended to all. One is never a stranger here, for whoever names the name of Christ is at home in this church.

May today's message bring you strength and comfort.



SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Liturgist - John VanReenen

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeters - Yvonne Griffin

**Ushers - Ken Young, Ken Westbrook
Anne & Mike Coffey**

Acolyte - Sue Richards

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Family & friends of Bea Randall

Family & friends of Mary Merrill

Family & friends of Martin McGough

Ken Westbrook
Ruth Tuttle
Myrt Moore
Gail Guarini
Austin

Sue Goodhue
Arlene Johnson
Kim Hishop
Steven Dietz

Richard Mullikin
Sylvia Bartlett
Brian Thompson
Juanita
Andrea

Those in rehab and care facilities



THIS WEEK @CHURCH

TODAY

10:00 Sunday Service
11:00 COFFEE HOUR

MONDAY

2-6 Planet Rangers
6:15 Finance Mtg

TUESDAY

2-6 Planet Rangers
6:15 Church Council
7:00 NA
7-11 Pro Musica

WEDNESDAY

10 AM AA

THURSDAY

7:30 PM AA

FRIDAY

8:00 AA

SATURDAY

1:00 AA

SUNDAY

10:00 Worship



**MORE THAN
A BUCKET**

The quiet offering baskets at the front of each aisle are for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.

**FUMC PORTSMOUTH A
RECONCILING CONGREGATION**

We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshiping, 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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