



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801



The Lord's Prayer for Kids of ALL Ages

Dear God our Father and Mother, who lives in heaven, there is power in your name. We trust your ways...from your kingdom in heaven all the way down to earth where we live.

Please provide all we need today. Forgive our mistakes as we forgive those who make mistakes against us. Help us to make good choices and protect us from all that is evil. Everything we have and do is all for you so everyone we meet will see you in us. Forever and ever, AMEN.

Prayers of the People and Joys and Concerns

Special Time with All of God's Children

Special Music

Morning Prayer

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep the faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. AMEN

Opening Hymn

Call to Service

*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

Let us bring the light out into the world and share God's awesome message of love and redemption.

Postlude

*Stand if you are able

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters

Welcome

(Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed this morning during worship are intended to be funny, in that today we are observing Holy Humor Sunday, also known as Bright Sunday. This is in no manner (that's New England for manner) of speaking supposed to be irreverent. Today we are making fun of Satan and the fact that through Jesus' death and resurrection that God has put on display such almighty power, love and grace that we may not need fear death itself. We do hope however that you find the 'manna' that you need for today during this service.)

(PS. You may notice some unusual activities as well as an order of service that seems somewhat backwards, but you'll get the idea.)

Benediction

*Closing Hymn Joy to the World

Celebration of "Hatching Hope" and Distribution of Offerings

The Morning Message 1 John 1:1-2:2

The Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

*Hymn I've Got That Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my Heart



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

Pastoral Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Liturgist - Steve Scott

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeters - The Langs Family

**Ushers - Jan & Al Cansdale
Sue Richards & Dianne Crisp**

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek



THIS WEEK @CHURCH

TODAY

10:00 Holy Humor Sunday

11:00 COFFEE HOUR

MONDAY

2-6 Planet Rangers

6:15 Finance Mtg

TUESDAY

2-6 Planet Rangers

7:00 NA

7-11 Pro Musica

WEDNESDAY

10 AM AA

THURSDAY

2-6 Planet Rangers

7:30 PM AA

FRIDAY

8:00 AA

SATURDAY

1:00 AA

SUNDAY

10:00 Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Family & friends of Bea Randall

Family & friends of Mary Merrill

Family & friends of Martin McGough

Ken Westbrook

Jan Cansdale

Ruth Tuttle

Myrt Moore

Gail Guarini

Richard Mullikin

Sylvia Bartlett

Mary Merrill

Brian Thompson

Sue Goodhue

Arlene Johnson

Dorothy Steinmetz

Kim Hishop

Steven Dietz

Austin

Juanita

Andrea

Those in rehab and care facilities



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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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