



February 17, 2019
FUMC Portsmouth, NH

Trusting A Big God



We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Celebrations, Welcome, and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: As a family coming together.

P: Let us be together and listen to all of us, all the time.

L: As a family that works together.

P: Help us to support one another at all times – through good times and bad times, through anxious times and calm times.

L: As a family engaged with one another.

P: Let us embrace our differences as part of our oneness.

L: As a family of Christ's children.

P: Let us welcome and hold fast everyone both those we know and those who are unknown.

L: As keepers of the faith.

P: Help us to make the world a better place at all times.

***Hymn: "Jesu Jesu"**

UMH #432

A Time for the Child in all of Us & Prayer

Prayer (unison)

L: Merciful God, may our love be built on you – a foundation that runs deep and wide. Help us to realize that each part of the foundation we place together comes from different quarries and different regions with different shapes to serve in different ways for building the foundation of who we are.

P: Give us the strength to serve together through unity of mind and spirit. Help us to dream the dreams of our future both as individuals and as united brethren connected together by working together, learning together, living together and always being together. Forgive our transgressions against others and the world. Bring us the peace of mind that comes from love and trust. Amen.

We Proclaim the Word

L: Hear the good news. Listen carefully. Open our hearts.

P: For the sake of all, we listen and learn together as one in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Ministry of Music

Sung Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

TFWS #2193

Message: "Between Conflict and Trust"

Kevin Fickenscher, MD

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

UMH #128

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)* (v. 3)

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):

Oh God, our foundation of strength is built on opening our hearts to you and one another to gain the strength we need for making the world a better place, a sustainable place, a place of love, trust and acceptance. Help each of us to bring good gifts to your table of love for all. Accept these gifts as mere tokens of our commitment to making your world a better place in your name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

Hymn: "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH #114

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
Large print bulletins available from 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 worshiping 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. Deb Hanson
Pastor's Assistant - David Richards
Guest Speaker - Kevin Fickenscher
Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek
Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal
Acolyte - Alexa Langs
Greeters - Kellie & Steve Langs
Ushers - Ken & Jenya Westbrook
Sunday School - Kaya Sarosiek
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek
Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott
Photographer - Dave Atkinson



Faith · Hope · Love



THE FRUIT OF

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PRAYER

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FAITH

THE FRUIT OF FAITH IS LOVE

THE FRUIT OF LOVE IS

SERVICE IS PEACE.

M.TERESA

Barbara & Jim Slater

Barbara Sylvester

Pauline Boynton

Barbara Millar

Irene Derosier

Barbara Clement

Malia Broe

Family of Trudy Parkhurst

Joette MacKenzie

Vicky Fernandez

Rev. Bill Gardei

Gayle Gardei

Marion Collishaw

Sue Goodhue

Hunter Pinkley

Sylvia Bartlett

BrianThompson

Our Church family

Gil Stebbins

Alissa Fernandez

Woodie Lange

Roseanne

Rev. David Kerr

Jim New

Kim Hishop

Pastor Sue Ellery

Nancy Chesser's family

Gabor [Brianna's father in-law]

Today's altar flowers are in celebration of Nancy and Art's 8th wedding anniversary!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Month of February Celebrate and learn about Black History throughout the month of February at the Discover Portsmouth Center located at 10 Middle St. in downtown Portsmouth.

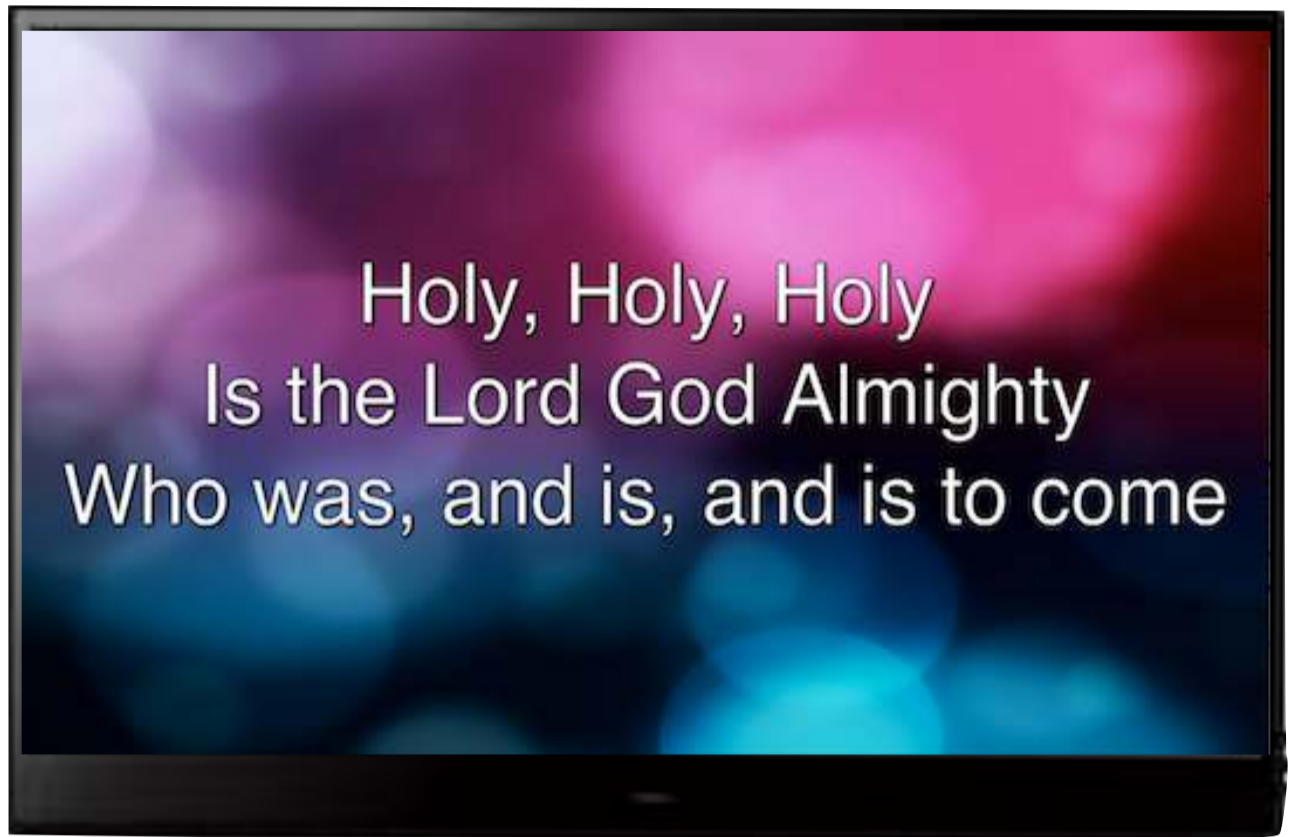
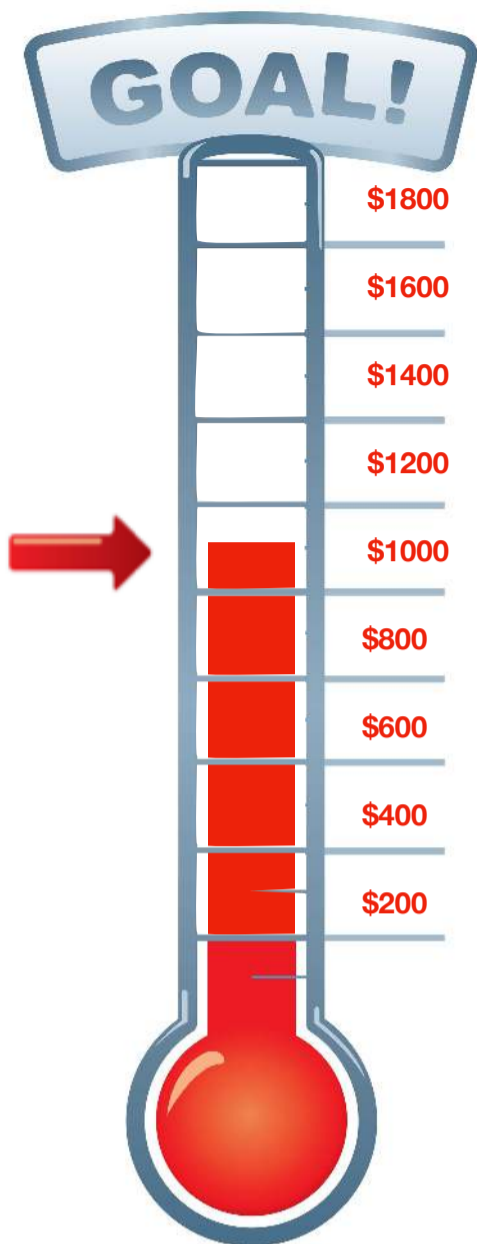
February 21-27 Rev Deb vacation...any pastoral needs can be directed to Sue Sarosiek @ 603.770.3439

February 28th at 2 p.m. Barbara Millar will be presented with the Boston Post Cane for currently being the oldest resident of Kittery, ME at Kittery Estates (270 State Rd). Everyone is cordially invited to attend the ceremony and the small reception that will follow!

March 5th Finance Trustees meeting @ 6pm at the parsonage.

March 6th Ash Wednesday Prayer Service @ 7pm

March 10th SPRC meeting after worship.



The Finance Trustees are looking for donations to replace the outdated screen and projector being used each Sunday with a large LED monitor.

Please see John VanReenen for details.

SENDING A CARD, MAKING A VISIT, OR CALLING SOMEONE...

These are all wonderful ways of making sure our FUMC family feels connected to what is going on in the life of the church and in your life. Just saying hello can make a huge difference in someone's day. During coffee hour please take a card or note card and send one of our family members a quick hello!



**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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