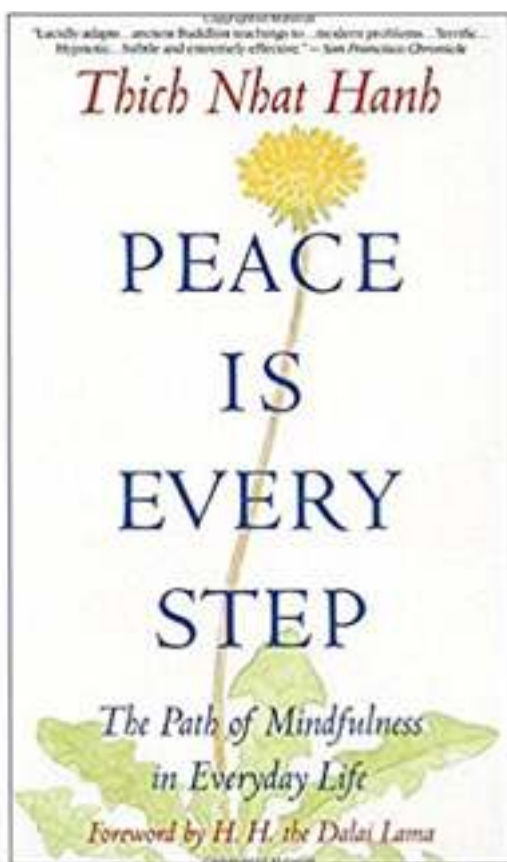


**FUMC PORTSMOUTH A
RECONCILING CONGREGATION**

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.



Lenten Bible Study begins
Sunday, February 18
Thich Nhat Hanh's book
"Peace Is Every Step"
is forever timely and assuring
in the rat race life in which we find
ourselves.

Thich Nhat Hanh was
nominated by
Martin Luther King, Jr for the
Nobel Peace Prize.
Please sign up in the office
today so we may order books.
(A used book will cost \$6 or less.)

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**"Let us go on to the
neighboring towns,
so that I may proclaim the
message there also;
for that is what I came
out to do."**

Mark 1:38

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FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

Prelude

Lighting of Candles

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

L: It is good to sing praises to our God. God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

P: **Great is the Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.**

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God with the Lyre.

P: **You take pleasure in those who fear you and hope in your steadfast love.**

L: Let us glorify God!

*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Great God of the universe you set the stars on course in the heavens; the earth radiates your glory and honor; the rain never falls without your knowing it. The fields produce their harvest according to your design. We admire your strength. We bow down in adoration at how you care for your children. We gather gladly to herald your encompassing acts of goodwill. Hear as we respond by giving you praise.

*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 Chris Laux and Bevan Bloemendaal

Time with Child

Joys and Concerns

(Names only please)

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*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 Time to be Holy" #395

*Gospel Mark 1:29-39

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Message

Holy Communion (*see Insert*)

"A Sung Communion Liturgy for Epiphany"

Ushers will escort participants to the rail

*Closing Hymn "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" #2121

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.

Pastor's Charge

Postlude

*Stand if you are able

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship in Sanborn Hall

Flowers are to the
Glory of God

Sproule Fund



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.



Barbara Slater	Mary Merrill	Barbara Millar
Juanita Austin	Andrea Dorothy Steinmetz	Adele Westbrook
Sylvia Bartlett	Steven Dietz	Phillip Hood
Arlene Johnson	Brian Thompson	

Please continue to hold those in rehab and care facilities in your prayers

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber
Pastoral Assistant - David Richards
Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek
Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal
Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson
Greeters -Marilyn Stebbins, Paul Webber
Steve Scott
Liturgist - Dave Richards
Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson
Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek

Offertory envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
1/28/18 \$2398.
attendance 42
Weekly Budget - \$3255.00

CHURCH CALENDER



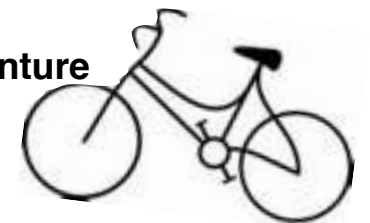
SUNDAY
10:00 WORSHIP
11:00 COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
MONDAY
TUESDAY
7:00 NA

WEDNESDAY
10 AM AA
THURSDAY
8:30 AM AA
7:30 PM AA
FRIDAY
8:00 AA
SATURDAY
1:00 AA

Sunday, February 4
Congregational Meeting,
with Pot Luck, following worship.

Sunday Quiet Offering

Our Quiet Offering donations will now be used for Fuller Center for Housing. We hosted 21 riders in the Bicycle Adventure mission in July.

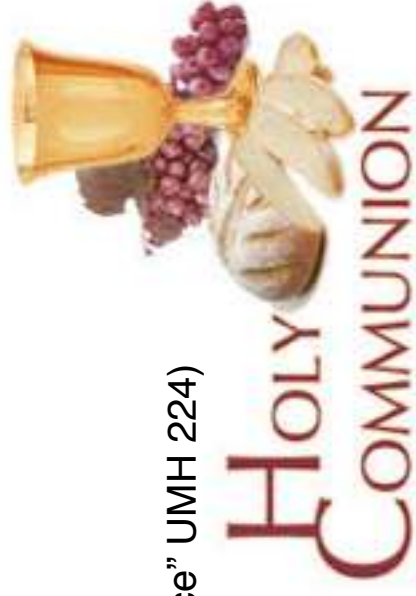


Welcome. We rejoice in having you here with us. Your presence lifts our spirits. Remembering the love that God has for all of us, let us extend our hands in love and respect for one another.



We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. Cheese, cracker, cookie and coffee donations are greatly appreciated. See Ken Westbrook for more information.

A Sung Communion Liturgy for Epiphany
(Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO ("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224)
Beth Quick, text 2014



Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Lift your hearts unto the Lord. Praise! Praise! Praise our God forevermore!
Radiant star that shines so bright: Jesus Christ, the world's light!
Praise God evermore! Praise God evermore!

We're in Your image made; to us this world You gave.
Yet, we turned our hearts from You. Woe! Woe! Set against the good we knew.
Still Your love remained steadfast. You beckoned us to walk your path.
Jesus lights the way! Jesus lights the way!

To table we've been called: Come one, come now, come all!
Here we share the feast of grace! Love! Love! Here, for everyone a place!
He breaks the power of cancelled sin and darkness quenched, the light pours in.
God-with-us revealed! God-with-us revealed!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! Joy! Joy! Prince of Peace, Living Word!
Blessed be the child who comes in God's name, the Promised One!
Praise God's holy name! Praise God's holy name!

The night Christ was betrayed to us this meal he gave.
First he took and broke the bread. Life! Life! At God's table they were fed.
Then he shared the loving cup. Forgiving us, he raised us up.
"Feast, and think of me. Feast, and think of me."

Remembering these mighty acts, to You, O God, we offer back
Holy, living sacrifice: Thanks! Thanks! Full of joy, commit our lives.
We proclaim the mystery: Christ died, but rose in victory.
Christ will come again! Christ will come again!

On bread and cup outpour Your Holy Spirit, Lord.
Make these gifts become for us Christ! Christ! We, his body, him, our life.
By this meal we are redeemed and by this grace we are set free.
Jesus makes us one! Jesus makes us one!

Prayer after Communion:

The dark to light gives way, Bright Dawn of all our days!
Journey with us as we leave, Star! Star! People of the Star are we!
Now we travel other roads to shine Your light where'er we go
Overwhelmed with joy! Overwhelmed with joy!