



Sunday, July 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. Church Service

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

***Gathering Prayer**

D. Hanson

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the confidence of the children of God, knowing that God's grace is deep and wide and welcoming to all. Amen.

***Call to Worship:**

N.C. Townley

L: We are standing on holy ground.

P: All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the love of God.

L: We are challenged to be people of loving service

P: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve you by helping others.

***Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues," vv. 1,2,3,4

UMH #57

***Prayer (unison):**

L.J. Bartlett

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us. God has promised to be with us throughout all generations. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us! **Amen!**

***Gloria Patri** (Please join in singing the following)

UMH #70

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.

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Exodus 3:1-15

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Holy Ground"

Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "Take Our Bread"

UMH #640

Joys and Concerns

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 #95

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

Prayer of Dedication

A Service of Holy Communion – insert

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "How Great Thou Art"

UMH #77

***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 are available from the greeters

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ben Gosden

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small. Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.

Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us. And so, with your people in every land on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature: Justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed.

On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death by the authorities of his own nation, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins." And so we remember again as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us. Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup.

Renew our fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Sharing of the bread and cup

Unison Prayer following Communion: C. Penner
Loving Jesus, through your death and resurrection you reconciled the world to God, and through your example you have shown us a way to peace. Give us strength as the people of God to be channels of peace in the world, speaking your peace, living your peace, and always longing for that moment of eternal peace when we shall see you again. Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY...

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Deb Hanson to the pulpit at FUMC Portsmouth as our new Pastor. Our church family is happy to have both you and your husband Dave Atkinson with us and look forward to praising God together.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER CHURCH...



Coffee, cookies and conversation are on us!

THANK YOU AND A NEW PROJECT...

MORE THAN A BUCKET

Thanks to you we raised \$460.50 for the Flood Bucket collection!

Our new Mission Outreach project is for the UMCOR Puerto Rico Disaster Fund



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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.



Be sure to "check in" on our Facebook page this morning!

And check out all the updates on our church website



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Liturgist - Dave Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Karen Sarosiek

Greeter -The Langs Family

Ushers - Anne & Mike Coffey

Ken Westbrook, Ken Young

Sound Technician -Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards

Sunday School - Karen Sarosiek

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Videographer [volunteer needed!]

**Altar flowers this week are in honor of
Chris Laux's birthday**

In our prayers...

Family and friends of Beverlea Meadow

Barbara Glidden Barbara Millar Cynthia Drake

Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop

Sylvia Bartlett Brian Thompson

Our church family

Those in rehab and care facilities

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