

# *through* **Water and Fire**



**First United Methodist Church**  
129 Miller Avenue, Portsmouth, Nh 03801  
Sunday, July 15, 2018

**ISAIAH 43**





We Gather for Worship

**Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light**

**Time for Silent Reflection**

**\*Call to Worship:** Rev GalBlog

L: Holy God, before time you named us. Through time you redeem us. You call us, precious in your sight.

**P: May we love as you love.**

L: Holy One, through the turbulent waters, make us steady, your hands holding strong the fragile and weak.

**P: May we love as you love.**

L: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry, bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, and Word.

**P: May we love as you love.**

L: God of justice, remove the chaff of our lives that keep us from hearing, following, your call.

**P: May we love as you love.**

L: Loving God, take this day our fears our worries, distractions, and all turn them into wheat, heart food.

**P: May we love as you love. Amen**

**\*Hymn:** "Trust and Obey" UMH #467

**\*Prayer** (unison):

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**God of many names, we give ourselves into the hand of your continuing creativity; our past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and regrets, our present, with its struggles and accomplishments, its hopes and setbacks, our future, with its fears and freedom, its pain and possibility, trusting the Spirit that breathes life, trusting the love that will not let us go, trusting the promise of the Word made flesh. Amen.**

**\*Sung Response:** "Let it Breathe on Me" UMH #503

**A Time for the Child in All of Us**

**Ministry of Music**

We Proclaim the Word

**Reading the Word:** Isaiah 43:1-7

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Trusting God and Others"

Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

**\*Hymn:** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

TFWS #2051

**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** (unison):

LCA Worship

**Thank you, loving God, for all the good things of life, and for your Spirit and all your gifts. Lead us to use the gifts we have in loving service to others, and for the common good. Amen.**

We Go Forth to Serve

**\*Hymn:** "More Like You"

TFWS #2167

**\*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*





## SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Every Sunday we enjoy having fresh flowers on the altar given in memory, honor or celebration of someone special to you or the church family. Please sign up on the Flower Chart in the narthex.



## SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB JULY 28TH 2 PM JANE RICHARD'S BEACH HOUSE

Come enjoy a relaxing walk on the beach and a potluck supper with friends



**Our Mission  
Outreach project  
is for the  
UMCOR  
Puerto Rico  
Disaster Fund  
Please use the  
red bucket for all  
your loose  
change.**



**Come join us for  
coffee hour after the  
church service in  
Sanborn Hall...we'd  
love to catch up with  
you and see how your  
week has gone.**

## DUE TODAY PLEASE...

Please complete the survey that Church Council emailed to you. If you don't have email, or didn't receive it, please pick one up in the office. Thank you.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Right after "a time for the child in all of us"





### **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 who 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



### **New England Annual Conference Tri-State District**

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop  
The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

## **Our Sunday Worship Team**

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards ~ Liturgist - Scott Stevens

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Alexa Langs

Greeters - Nancy Chesser, Art Munson & Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Dave & Sue Richards ~ Steve & Kellie Langs

Sound Technician - Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Nancy Chesser ~ Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Sunday School - Karen Sarosiek

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

**Al Jentimane Barbara Millar  
Cynthia Drake Barbara Glidden  
Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop  
Sylvia Bartlett Brian Thompson  
Our church family  
Those in rehab and care facilities**

## **COFFEE HOUR DONATIONS**

We all enjoy the cheese, crackers and treats each Sunday during coffee hour don't we?!...please see Ken or PaulaJ to give a donation.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL, FINANCE & TRUSTEES MINUTES**

Are posted on the bulletin board in Sanborn Hall



## **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.**



**When you pass through the water I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.**

**Isaiah 43:2**

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