

Sunday, July 29, 2018  
First United Methodist Church  
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LOVE GROWS  
MIRACLES

We Gather for Worship

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

**Invocation:** M. Welton-Mitchell  
May we enter this time of worship, as a new creation, ready to do the work Christ has given us to do. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship:** A. Loving  
L: Here, we gather to hear the Word.  
**P: Here, we gather to experience the wonder of God's grace.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord who provides so abundantly!  
**P: Together, let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" TFWS #2128

**\*Prayer** (unison): R.A.E. Hunt

**O God, we know that the miracle of your kingdom of love is here on earth because:**

**somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,  
somewhere someone shares with another in need,  
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,  
somewhere someone is patient and waits in love,  
somewhere someone returns good for evil,  
somewhere someone serves another in love,  
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,  
somewhere someone is loving everybody. Are we the "someone's"  
you ask to be part of your miracle of love and care? Lead us, God,  
and help us to see miracles all around us. 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:** John 6:1-21

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Love Grows Miracles" Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

**\*Hymn:** "The Summons" TFWS #2130

**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): T.M. Shuman

**In our hands, the gifts seem small, but in yours, God, they can bring plenty of grace to those who are so hungry for hope. In our hearts, we wonder how effective our ministries might be, but joined with yours, we can indeed bring healing, community, peace, and joy to our struggling communities. Bless us and our gifts, multiply our hopes and our efforts so that your wonders might come into the world around us. Amen.**

We Go Forth to Serve

**\*Hymn:** "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

**\*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



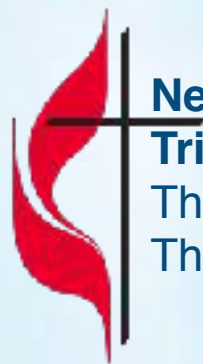


### **Welcome!**

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



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

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop  
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## **Our Sunday Worship Team**

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards ~ Liturgist - Dave Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Alexa Langs

Greeters - Karen Sarosiek Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Ken Westbrook & Ken Young

Jan & Al Cansdale

Technician - Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

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

**Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Millar  
Cynthia Drake Al Jentimane  
Barbara Glidden Marion Collishaw  
Richard and Peggy Mullikin  
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





## 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.

**CAN YOU HELP?**  
Volunteers needed to do the SFP laundry located by the bulletin board. **THANK YOU!**



**Altar flowers today...**  
Flowers remind us of God's love. With all the various colors, shapes and sizes, the possibilities are endless!!!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



**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.**



## **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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