

A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, showing the texture of the grain and the long, thin awns. The background is a soft-focus field of similar wheat, leading up to a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall lighting is warm and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

*"So the Son of Man is Lord
even of the Sabbath."*

Mark 2:28



Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

Psalm 139

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from afar.

P: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

L: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

P: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

All: Let us glorify God!

*Hymn "God is Here" #660

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

God of our protector and comforter, our shield and defender, hear our glad praises as we boast of your goodness. We gather as witnesses to your redeeming graciousness. We worship in response to your encompassing love. The birds start to sing before the sun even rises, proof that you promise the dawn of new life while it is yet dark. Let your light now shine on our darkness, that we may discern your will for us, giving you the honor due your glorious name.

*Gloria Patri

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.

Time For The Children

Special Music - Dianne Crisp & Bevan Bloemendaal

"I Don't Know Why Jesus Loved Me"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer, 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. And lead us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #451

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

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

*Gospel Mark 2:23-3:6

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Morning Message Pastor Betsy

Communion Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" #629

(Remain seated as we sing our hymn)

Holy Communion #12

*Hymn "Amazing Grace" #378

*Choral 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

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters



**JOIN US AFTER CHURCH FOR
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
IN SANBORN HALL**

LET'S CATCH UP!



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

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.



OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM...

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber ~ Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - David Richards ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook ~ Greeter - Jane Richards

Ushers - Anne & Mike Coffey

David & Sue Richards

Sound Technician - Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards

Sunday School - Jen Berry & Evelyn New

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson ~ Videographer [volunteer needed!]

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY...

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.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Cynthia Drake ~ Bobbie Noble ~ Bill Geeslin ~ Ruth Tuttle ~

Myrt Moore ~ Gail Guarini ~ Peter Guarini ~ Kathy Randall ~

Sue Goodhue ~ Kim Hishop ~ Richard Mullikin ~

Sylvia Bartlett ~ Brian Thompson ~ Ken Westbrook ~

Those in rehab and care facilities

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS...



In memory of
John T. (Papa)
O'Connell
from the Langs
Family

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK...

Make sure you
have a strong
signal everyday.

FAITH
is like Wi-Fi,
it's invisible but
it has the power
to connect you to
what you need.



The altar flowers are a beautiful way of remembering or honoring someone special in your life. Please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex for your opportunity.

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKET UPDATE...



\$435.50
and counting!
THANK YOU

MORE THAN A BUCKET

The red bucket as you walked into the sanctuary is for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?...

We are looking for someone to be willing to film various moments within our worship service. These videos are being uploaded to our Website and YouTube channel and are important to our outreach commitments as they are shared with those who can't make it to church or missed that Sunday. Please see Sue Sarosiek or Bevan Bloemendaal if you are interested in talking about the details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FAREWELL POTLUCK

JUNE 17, 2018

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

IN SANBORN HALL TO
THANK PASTOR BETSY
AND WISH HER WELL ON
HER RETIREMENT!

SPRC IS COLLECTING FOR
A RETIREMENT GIFT SO
PLEASE SEE MIKE COFFEY
OR SUE SAROSIEK WITH
YOUR CONTRIBUTION.



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.



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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