



For you know, the
grace of
our Lord Jesus
Christ, that though
he was rich, yet
for your sake he
became poor,
so that YOU by
his poverty might
become rich.

II Corinthians 8:9



Prelude Karen Sarosiek
Lighting of the Candles
Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

L: Today we gather as individuals,

C: To be a part of this faith community, remembering through Communion and Easter that we have hope, healing, and wholeness.

L: Today, we gather as a faith community,

C: Rejoicing that God's love and grace is for me and you, for everyone.

L: Today we gather as one,

C: Not just receiving God's blessings but responding by offering our lives, our gifts, our graces, our resources in thanksgiving and praise. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" FWS#2173

*Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, we rejoice that we are Easter people. We give thanks that through Jesus' death and resurrection, we are reconciled to you. However, we ask your forgiveness as we confess that we do not always rejoice and give thanks in our daily living. That there are times when gloom blocks the brightness of your love. When hatred and anger blind us to your grace for all your children. When our attitudes, actions, and words do not reflect the abundance of your blessings in our lives. When our giving reflects more of what the world says than what our faith calls us to know as truth. Forgive us. Forgive us as we strive in each moment of each day, to draw closer to you, to be a living presence of your love, to share your abundance in our lives with our neighbors, both near and far. Forgive us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We are people of the resurrection. We are forgiven. We are reconciled. Thanks be to God. Amen!

*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 PennySue Orr

Time for the Child
Joys and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gratitude Moment with John VanReenan

*Hymn "He Lives" UMH#310

Giving our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music James Slater

*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

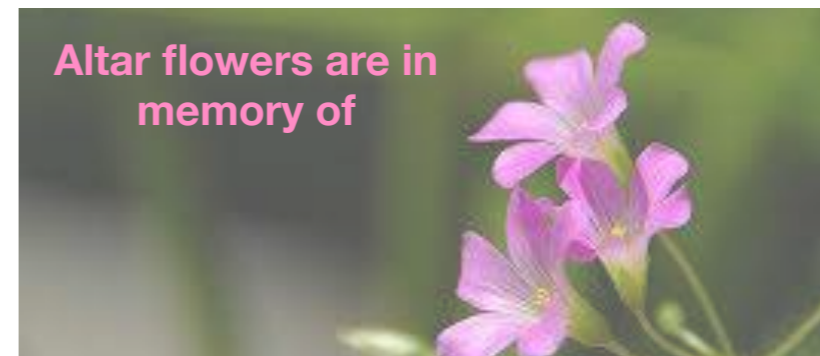
Morning Message "Please, Please, Let Me Give!" Rev. David Abbott
Based on 2 Corinthians 8 & 9: Selected Verses

Communion Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH#393
Sung once using "me", a second time using "us"
(Remain seated as we sing our hymn)

Holy Communion

*Responding to God's presence in our lives

After you have brought your commitment card to the front of the sanctuary, we would invite you to move directly to the Fellowship Hall for a meal of celebration and thanksgiving.



*Stand if you are able

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.



SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeter - Karen Sarosiek

Ushers - Anne & Mike Coffey

Dave & Sue Richards

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Family & friends of Arlene Johnson

Bill Geeslin

Ruth Tuttle

Myrt Moore

Gail Guarini

Peter Guarini

Sue Goodhue

Kim Hishop

Richard Mullikin

Sylvia Bartlett

Brian Thompson

Juanita

Andrea

Austin

Those in rehab and care facilities



THIS WEEK @CHURCH

TODAY

10:00 Sunday Service & Gratitude Luncheon

MONDAY

TUESDAY

7:00 NA

WEDNESDAY

10 AM AA

THURSDAY

7:30 PM AA

FRIDAY

8:00 PM AA

SATURDAY

1:00 PM AA

SUNDAY

10:00 Worship

PEACE CIRCLE MEETS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 8 AT 9:30 AM



COFFEE IS ON US AFTER CHURCH!

See you in Sanborn Hall after the church service.



MORE THAN A BUCKET

The quiet offering baskets at the front of each aisle are for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.

If you haven't already be sure
to "Check In" that you are
at church this morning
on Facebook!



**FUMC PORTSMOUTH A
RECONCILING CONGREGATION**

We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshipping, 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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