


FIFTH SUNDAY IN

LENT



**THE REVERSE
LENT CHALLENGE**

**DON'T GIVE SOMETHING UP.
TAKE SOMETHING ON!**

**CHALLENGE #5
"SERVE A SERVANT"**

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 107

L: We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

P: **When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord, you saved us from our distress.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

P: **Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.**

L Let us glorify God!

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

God of infinite goodness and mercy, we cannot escape your presence. Your promise remains with us in every situation. When we are desolate, your Spirit comes to comfort us. Amid our tribulation, your Chosen One remains our firm hope. We can sing your song in whatever land we find our abode. We shall forever give thanks for the gift of your grace. You are the God who never forsakes us. To you be glory and praise now and forever.

*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 Karen Sarosiek

Time for the Child

Joys and Concerns

[please lift up the first names of those who you would like the church family to pray for]

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.

*Hymn "Just As I Am" #357

*Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Message

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*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

*Hymn "Now, Thank We All Our God" #102

*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.

Benediction

Postlude

*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

Pastoral Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Liturgist - Dianne Crisp

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeters - Anne & Mike Coffey

**Ushers - Anne & Mike Coffee
Yvonne Griffin & Dave Richards**

Acolyte - Sue Richards

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek



TODAY !
10:00 WORSHIP
11:00 COFFEE HOUR

NEXT SUNDAY
Palm Sunday
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY

FRIDAY
8:00 AA

TUESDAY
7:00 NA

SATURDAY
1:00 AA

WEDNESDAY
10 AM AA

THURSDAY
8:30 AM AA
7:30 PM AA

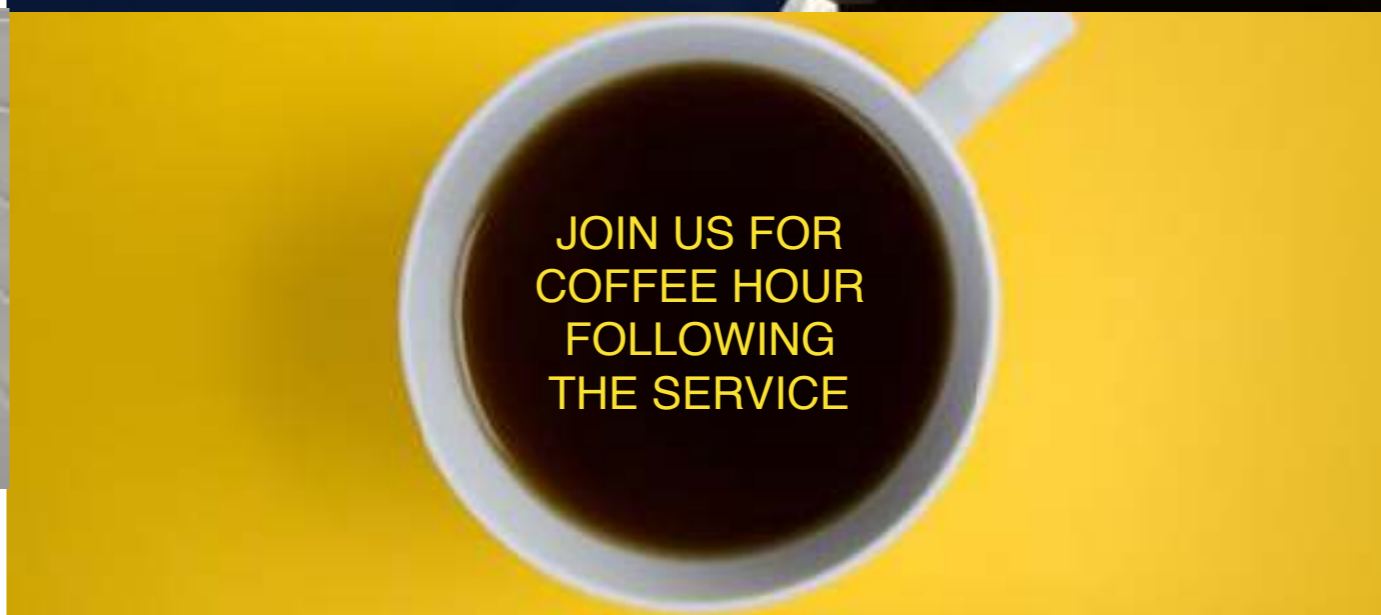
MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Ken Westbrook	Barbara Millar
Jan Cansdale	Sue Goodhue
Bea Randall	Arlene Johnson
Gail Guarini	Dorothy Steinmetz
Ruth Tuttle	Kim Hishop
Myrt Moore	Steven Dietz
Richard Mullikin	Austin
Sylvia Bartlett	Juanita
Mary Merrill	Andrea
Brian Thompson	
Those in rehab and care facilities	



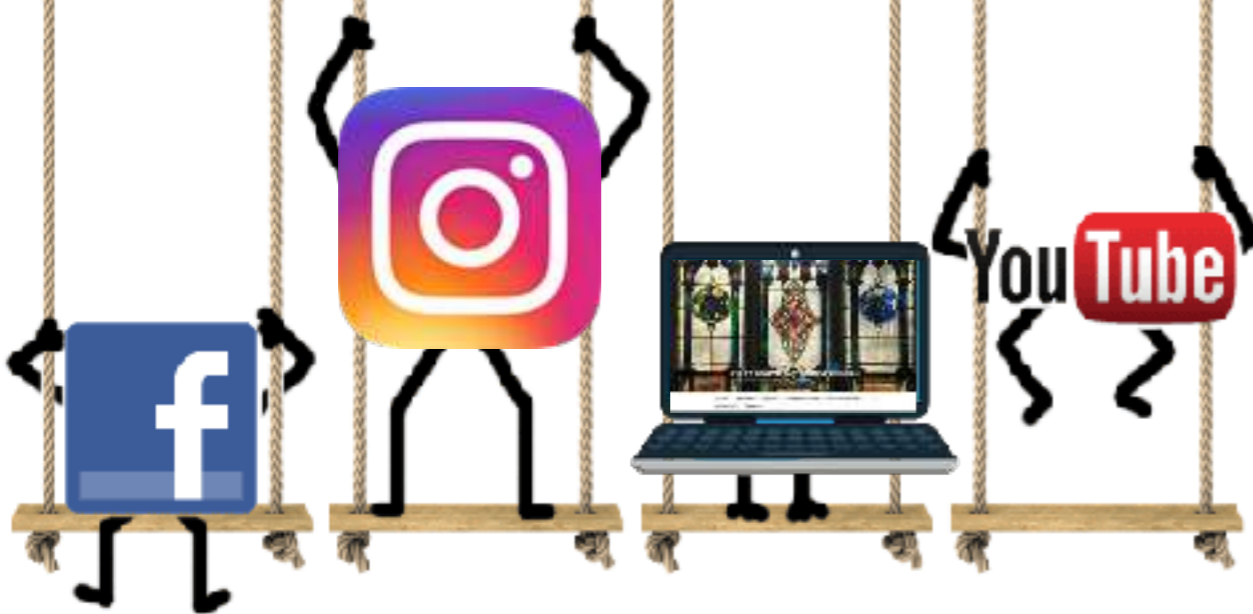
The quiet offering baskets at the front of each aisle are for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.



Flowers this week are
In Honor of St. Patrick and
all the Saints, past, present
and future, who lead by
example and keep us
'Marching on the Straight
and Narrow Path'!



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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY March 25

Worship 10 AM

HOLY THURSDAY March 29

communion meal and service 6PM

GOOD FRIDAY March 30

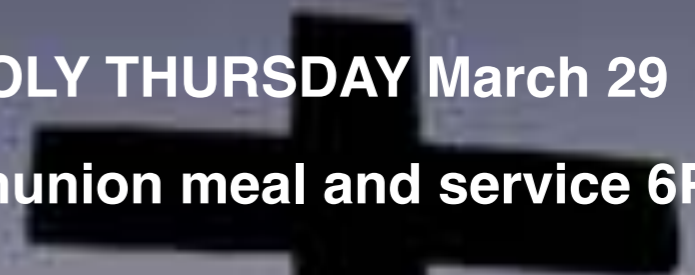
quiet open sanctuary hours noon-3PM

EASTER SUNDAY April 1

sunrise service

New Castle Commons 6 AM

Worship 10 AM



**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.

**THIS WEEK'S REVERSE LENT CHALLENGE IS:
"SERVE A SERVANT"**

Who serves in you in life?...the mail carrier, garbage collector, your kid's teacher or principal, the Pastor? What about the grocery store clerk or gas station attendant? The team mom who schedules all the snacks for the kid's team? Treat the to a little something as a way to serve them and show your gratitude...ONCE A DAY THIS WEEK make someone feel really good!

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