



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE - PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

Prelude & Entrance of Christ’s Light
Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 118:19-24

L: Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!.

P: This is the Lord’s gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

L: I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

P: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone.

L: This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!

P: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us glorify God!!

*Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #278

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

We praise you, God, for your faithfulness through the ages. You are with us as we greet the dawn of a new day. Your word guides us as we seek to be obedient. You comfort us during times of distress, and judge us according to your righteousness. As you sent Jesus to fulfill your promise, you fill us with your Spirit that we may know of your will. As we enter the gates of your sacred space, hear now our voices as we sing you our praises.

*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

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.

*Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” #277

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11

*Gospel Mark 11:1-11

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 “Rock of Ages” #361

*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 -Kevin Fickenscher

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeters -PennySue Orr

**Ushers -Ken Young & Ken Westbrook
Al & Jan Cansdale**

Acolyte -Marilyn Stebbins

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek



— HURRICANE — RECOVERY EFFORTS

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

— HERE'S WHATS — GOING ON — SAVE THE DATES —

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 NA

10 AM AA

6 PM Service

**GOOD FRIDAY
open sanctuary Noon-3
8:00 AA**

**SATURDAY
1:00 AA**

7:30 PM AA

TODAY !

10:00 WORSHIP

11:00 COFFEE HOUR

NEXT SUNDAY

Easter

6 AM Sunrise Service

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Ken Westbrook

Jan Cansdale

Bea Randall

Ruth Tuttle

Myrt Moore

Gail Guarini

Richard Mullikin

Sylvia Bartlett

Mary Merrill

Brian Thompson

Barbara Millar

Sue Goodhue

Arlene Johnson

Dorothy Steinmetz

Kim Hishop

Steven Dietz

Austin

Juanita

Andrea

Those in rehab and care facilities

**JOIN US FOR
COFFEE & CONVERSATION
FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE**



Altar flowers today
Since March goes out like a
Lamb, to the Glory of Jesus,
the Lamb of God!

GET IN THE SOCIAL SWING



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<http://fumcportsmouth.com>

INSTAGRAM

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YOUTUBE

FUMC PORTSMOUTH

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/fumc.church.376

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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:
"YOU GET TO DECIDE"**

The past 5 weeks we have been diligently taking on "THE REVERSE LENT CHALLENGE" by taking something on...this week you get to decide what random act of kindness will you accomplish each day this week as we finish the 40 days of Lent. Remember once a day make someone feel really special.

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