



Happy
Mother's
Day



Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water. I all that they do they prosper.

L: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

P: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

L: Let us glorify God!

*Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#526

*Prayer of Invocation

To meditate upon your law, O God, is to learn of your love and know of your righteousness. You are a God of tender mercy, whose benevolent care protects our children and all creation. We gather to worship you, as creatures of righteousness, made whole by the redeeming love of Jesus the Christ. Open our hearts to sing of your goodness, our minds to explore your wisdom, and our lips to give you all praise.

*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

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

“Spirit of God”

#2117

*Gospel Lesson

1Peter 1: 17 - 23

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Morning Message

Pastor Betsy

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

*Hymn

“Living For Jesus”

#2149

*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 - Yvonne Griffin ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Sue Richards ~ Greeter - Jane Richards

Ushers - Sue Richards & Nancy Chesser

Sound Technician - Sue Sarosiek ~ Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott

Sunday School - Karen Sarosiek & Evelyn New

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson ~ Videographer [volunteer needed!]

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

Those in rehab and care facilities

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY...

WISHING ALL WOMEN

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

HAPPIEST MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE LOVE, PEACE AND SERENITY

THANK YOU FOR PRESERVING ALL GOOD VALUES IN HUMANS

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK...

WEAR SOMETHING RED TO CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

IN LOVING MEMORY...



Altar flowers this week are in loving memory of Bill and Scott Griffin from Yvonne Griffin

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR - NEW ROOF!

A NOTE FROM JEN BERRY...



On behalf of the Seacoast Family Promise – I want to send a big THANK YOU to all the folks who volunteered last week while our SFP guests were here. The families were so nice and when they hugged me goodbye, they thanked me over and over for making them feel so



welcome, safe and comfortable here. This program really changes their lives forever and I feel so blessed to be a part of it, along with all the great volunteers who make it happen. Our volunteers have all been doing this a long time and we can always use more. We house the families for 6 weeks out of the year (approx. 8 weeks between rotations) so maximum commitment a year would be 6 nights. If you think you might like to have a part in changing lives, please contact Jen Berry at 603-801-3886 or jen_b76@yahoo.com.

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKET UPDATE...



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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED...

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.



SPRING CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP



**SPRING CLEAN UP
MAY 19th 9-12**

Bring your rakes,
leaf bags, muscles
and helpers!

Please

**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.



PLEASE REMEMBER...
To drop off your Grateful Heart Commitment cards either into the offering plate or bring to the church office.

It is with a grateful heart that I want to express my love and gratitude to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me. I am giving \$ _____ per _____ week _____ month _____ year (check box) to support God's work through our church.

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Signature _____
Date _____



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