

*Where you go
I will go, and
where you stay
I will stay...*

RUTH 1:16

First United Methodist Church
November 11, 2018 10 AM

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Celebrations Bank (Benefits Heifer Project)

***Call to Worship:**

L: Here we are Lord. We come into your presence

P: **seeking your peace, seeking your hope, seeking your comfort.**

L: We come asking for a blessing.

ALL: Equip us in this hour to be your people, saved and sent, a blessing for all the world.

***Hymn:** "Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing" TFWS #2230

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Prayer (unison):

Gracious God we bring to you our worries and concerns.

Hold them close to your heart. Transform our fears and fill us with your peace. Let there be hope. God of love, be with those who are ill, suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Restore them to wholeness, as only you can in your grace. Fill us with your peace. Dear God, we lift up to you our Veterans and those who have served or do serve in harm's way. Protect them, and this world, too. Fill us with your peace, that there may be hope. God of all, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. For the morning sun and rays of light. For the moon and stars and gentle rain. For fresh fallen snow and birds that sing. For all our blessings, including family and friends, and for hope. May there be peace. Amen.

Sung Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" UMH #488

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Ruth 1:15-18; 3:1-5; 4:13-17

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Ruth's Commitment" Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "God Will Take Care of You" – UMH #130

Concerns and Joys

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison):

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.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology:** (Please join in singing the following) UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison):

Thank you, God, that through Jesus we can come to you. Remind us that you have saved us and you care for us, so that we can generously give to others as you have given to us. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

This year, NH Veterans for Peace encourages churches to ring their church bells 11 times at 11:00am on 11/11/2018 to proclaim our love of the Prince of Peace and to make a true end of all wars. Please listen in silence as our church bell rings eleven times. Thank you.

***Choral Benediction:** (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

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF SUPPORT
November 11th
1 p.m.



At Temple Israel
315 Court Street
Open to all.

BELL BAZAAR
November 17th
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



6
DAYS
Left to help!

Crafts, Baked
Goods, Silent
Auction and Lunch

LADIES
PEACE CIRCLE
November 17th



Meet in
Sanborn
Hall
9:30 AM

All are welcome!

CHURCH
CONFERENCE
November 19



Join us to learn the
best ways to grow
our church

Altar flowers
are in memory of
Dorothy Fillmore



PRAY
WITH US

Brenda West ~ Pauline Boynton ~ Barbara Millar ~ Clark Cole
Bob & Sharon Garceau ~ Irene Derosier ~ Ginger Ellenwood
Seraphim Afflick ~ Barbara Clement ~ Trudy Parkhurst
Joette MacKenzie ~ Malia Broe ~ Rev. Sue Ellery ~ Rev. Bill Gardei
Gerry Royer ~ Cynthia Drake ~ Barbara Glidden ~ Marion Collishaw
Sue Goodhue ~ Kim Hishop ~ Hunter Pinkley ~ Sylvia Bartlett
BrianThompson ~ Our church family



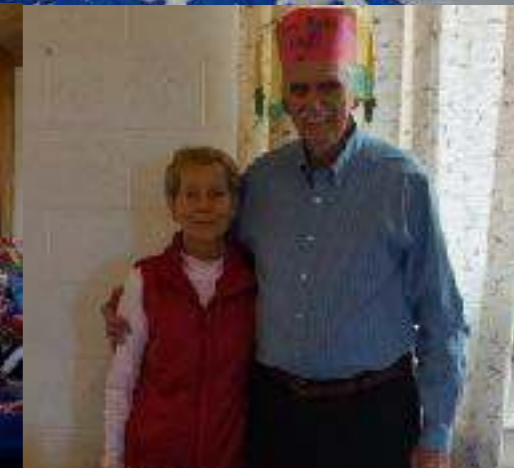
Welcome!

Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

We are an inclusive community that invites everyone to be part of our church fellowship.

Thank you for being here, and we hope that you have had a meaningful experience of worshipping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson



Sunday Worship Team

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - Marilyn Stebbins~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Sue Richards

Greeters - Jane Richards ~ PennySue Orr

Ushers - Ken & Jenya Westbrook ~ Ken Young

Sunday School - Dave Atkinson ~ Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Nancy Chesser

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

SUNDAYSCHOOL

Right after "a time for the child in all of us"

Thank You!

Everyone who joined us in celebrating Ken's Birthday!



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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.



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