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Technology

**First United Methodist Church
October 21, 2018 10 AM**

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

***Call to Worship:**

L: Each one of us here is different.

P: We are unique individuals.

L: We come from various backgrounds.

P: We come with differing needs and dreams.

L: Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity.

P: Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity.

***Hymn:** "This is the Day" UMH #657

A Time for the Child in All of Us – Bevan Bloemendaal

Prayer (unison):

Loving God, we come before this day in awe of the grandeur and complexity of your creation. We thank you for your gifts of curiosity and analytic minds, and for our eagerness to explore what we do not understand. Be with us now, we pray, as we open ourselves to the unfolding wonder of your creation. Amen.

Sung Response:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Psalm 19: 1-14

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Church and Technology" John VanReenen

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "Many Gifts, One Spirit" UMH #114

Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer:

Amazing God, the more we learn of your creation, the more we are filled with awe and wonder. Yet sometimes we fear

what we do not know. We benefit from many technological advances in our daily living. Yet we fear that we may lose our connection with you and each other. Help us not to limit you, but to find your guiding presence and reflection in all that we do not understand. You have created us in your own image. Remind us to remain open to possibilities and to not be afraid. Amen.

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 #95

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 (unison):**

With hope and thanksgiving, we offer these gifts for the good of our neighbors, our city, our world, O God. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175

***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



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



Our Sunday Worship Team

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - Nancy Chesser ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - PennySue Orr

Greeters - Marilyn Stebbins ~ John & Cathy VanReenen

Ushers - Ken & Jenya Westbrook ~ John & Cathy VanReenen

Sunday School - David & Sue Richards Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson



**Altar flowers this week
are in celebration of
Ken and Jenya Westbrook's
24th wedding anniversary**

LET US PRAY

Irene Derosier Ginger Ellenwood

Seraphim Afflick Barbara Clement Trudy Parkhurst

Joette MacKenzie Malia Broe Rev. Sue Ellery

Rev. Bill Gardei Gerry Royer Barbara Millar

Cynthia Drake Barbara Glidden Marion Collishaw

Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop Hunter Pinkley

Sylvia Bartlett BrianThompson

Our church family

Those in rehab and care facilities

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

- Rev. Deb's Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from about 9-12. It is a good idea to call first to be sure she is available.
- 3rd quarter financial statements are available. Please check in the office or see Nancy Chesser
- Turkey Dinner is November 3rd at 5 PM
- A note from Nurture...Our church supports our college students with a gift card to help them with extra expenses. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost please speak with Barbara Slater or PaulaJ. Thank you.



**Join us for coffee
and fellowship
after the church service
this morning!**

Turkey Dinner 11/3
Bell Bazaar 11/17
Church Conference 11/19

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PUMPKIN UNLOADING TODAY 1 PM!!!
Pumpkin Patch Sign-up sheets are on Sanborn Hall
kitchen counter on Sundays and online 24/7 at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a8ae22a7fd0-pumpkin8>

Come celebrate Ken Westbrook's 90th birthday!!

Sunday, November 4, 2018 10 AM at FUMC
RSVP 603-749-6426
or kandjwestbrook@comcast.net



Please place your loose change donations in the basket by the piano for the victims of the gas explosions and fires in Lawrence, North Andover, and Haverhill, Mass



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DAYS AND COUNTING
UNTIL THE BELL BAZAAR
ON NOV. 17TH
See Dianne Crisp to find
out how you can help!





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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.



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