



**FEAR NOT,
FOR I AM WITH YOU;
BE NOT DISMAYED,
FOR I AM YOUR GOD.
I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU
YES, I WILL HELP YOU.
I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY
RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.**

ISAIAH 41:10

**First United Methodist Church
September 23, 2018 10 AM**

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

***Call to Worship:**

L: We have been created in the image of God;

P: We are created to love our brothers and sisters, all children of God.

L: Christ has taught us how to love one another,

P: And we are called to share that love with the world.

L: The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God's work;

P: The Spirit moves us like the wind in the trees.

L: We go where God is leading us;

P: Follow Jesus, and the Spirit will show us the way.

***Hymn:** "Saranam, Saranam" UMH #523

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Prayer (unison):

Breathe on us, Holy Spirit. Renew in us a sense of purpose, of a life filled with joy, of a heart drawn to justice and mercy. Move us to compassion, to action, to lead lives of hope. Fill us with your abundant love, so that we may love those who are hard to love, forgive those that are hard to forgive, and may we be reminded that you love us, forgive us, and renew us, every day. In the name of Jesus, who was filled with your Spirit and resisted temptation, and full of your Spirit calls us into New Life, we pray. Amen.

Sung Response: "Lead Me, Lord" UMH #473

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Genesis 21:8-21

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Finding God in the Wilderness" - Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "When We are Called to Sing Your Praise" TFWS #2216

Joys and Concerns

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 #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):

Lord, you have given us the privilege of being your servants, telling other people about you and showing your compassion through our actions. Give us courage to serve you with joy. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

***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

Altar flowers this week are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for all His gifts



Every Sunday we enjoy having fresh flowers on the altar given in memory, honor or celebration of someone special to you or the church family. Please sign up on the Flower Chart in the narthex.



New England Annual Conference

Tri-State District

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop

The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

Our 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 - Alexa Langs

Greeters - Steve & Kellie Langs ~Dave Atkinson

Ushers -Ken Young ~ Anne & Mike Coffey

Sunday School - Dave & Sue Richards

Sound Tech Sue Sarosiek ~ Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott

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Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Barbara Clement Joette McKenzie Malia Broe

Rev. Sue Ellery Rev. Bill Gardei Gerry Royer

Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Millar Cynthia Drake

Barbara Glidden Marion Collishaw Sue Goodhue

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Our church family

Those in rehab and care facilities



Please place your loose change donations in the baskets at the front of the pews for the Outreach project UMCOR Puerto Rico Disaster Fund Thank you!



Pumpkin Unloading Party on Sat., 9/29
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Jobs are available for all ages and physical abilities!

Pumpkin Patch Sign-up sheets are on Sanborn Hall kitchen counter on Sundays and online 24/7 at signupgenius.com for 9/29 Pumpkin Unloading Party, Booth Schedule, and NEW Homemade Goodies!



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

The Finance Committee is involved in a Bible Study during monthly meetings. The book in review is 'Shift -Helping Congregations Back Into The Game Of Effective Ministry' by Phil Maynard.

Help yourself to the hand out about "One Anothers" from the New Testament



Thank you!
David, Rosie & Cathy!

Pumpkin Delivery 9/29
Golf Tournament 10/19
Pumpkin Delivery 10/20
Laity Sunday 10/21
Turkey Dinner 11/3
Bell Bazaar 11/17
Church Conference 11/19

UPCOMING
EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAYSCHOOL

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

**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.



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"check in" on our Facebook
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