

First Parish
CHURCH
BRUNSWICK, MAINE



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Welcome to worship! We are glad you are with us!

First Parish Church is open to everyone and welcomes participation in the full life, leadership, and ministry of the Church. We are a diverse congregation. We welcome persons of any race, gender, ethnic origin, mental or physical ability, religious tradition, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and economic circumstances. We affirm that the love of Christ for each person knows no bounds.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

PRELUDE

Cantilène
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Gabriel Pierné

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Ed Bradley

CALL TO WORSHIP

On the way of freedom,
Let us do justice.

On the way of compassion,
Let us love kindness.

On the way of community,
Let us walk humbly with God.

**HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(see back pages)

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**PRAYER

**Almighty God, whose breath quickened us,
whose tongue named us,
whose language we are,
grant us lives that are led by your wisdom,
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Bridgette Hodgkins

INTRO to SCRIPTURE

Jessie Crabtree

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38

Reverend Mary Baard

SERMON

Windy Wisdom

Jessie Crabtree

ANTHEM

Morning Song
Beth Harmon, soprano; Dr. Jane Hagness, piano

Austin Lovelace

PRAYERS

Reverend Mary Baard

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions
(see back pages)

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BENEDICTION

Dr. Jane Hagness

POSTLUDE

Warum sollt ich mich den grämen Johann Gottfried Walther
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ



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Staff members are working from their respective homes. Please contact them at the email addresses above. For a pastoral concern you may call Francesco at (206) 331 - 7658.

Church News

Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour!

Do you miss having a few minutes before or after church to visit with church friends? Here's your chance to join us five minutes after the end of each virtual church service. Initially we will ask each person to introduce themselves and to share one joy and/or concern. Then we'll open it up for further conversation based on the interests of those present. You can join or leave coffee hour as you like. We hope to see you!

This Sunday after our service, please click on the blue link below and that will bring you into our gathering. We'd love to see you and hear you so remember to have your video and microphone on. You can enjoy Zoom on a computer or through the Zoom app on your phone or other device or you can call in using your own phone by dialing the number below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84153529720?pwd=dmhHQmtPSzBhVEpsbUdFQ21nTWpsdz09>

Meeting ID: 841 5352 9720

Passcode: 745028

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc5egE5xJ2>

Inquiring Minds book group is reading *Union, The struggle to forge the story of United States Nationhood* by Portland author Colin Woodard. The discussion of this book will be on Monday, September 14, also on Zoom at 10 am. For info on joining the Zoom group email rebecca.halbrook@gmail.com.

Financial Giving Your giving helps us to meet the church's financial obligations and contribute to the wider community. We appreciate your checks mailed to the office, and your e-giving is especially helpful as it reaches us without staff trips to the church office or the bank. To set up your own e-giving, visit www.firstparish.net and click the e-giving link on the right. Use the drop-down menu to select the fund and then create a one-time or recurring gift using your bank account or credit card. Not sure where to start with e-giving, or encountering problems? Please write to finance@firstparish.net and Becky Wilkoff will gladly walk you through it over the phone or set up/adjust your e-giving for you. Thank you for your support!

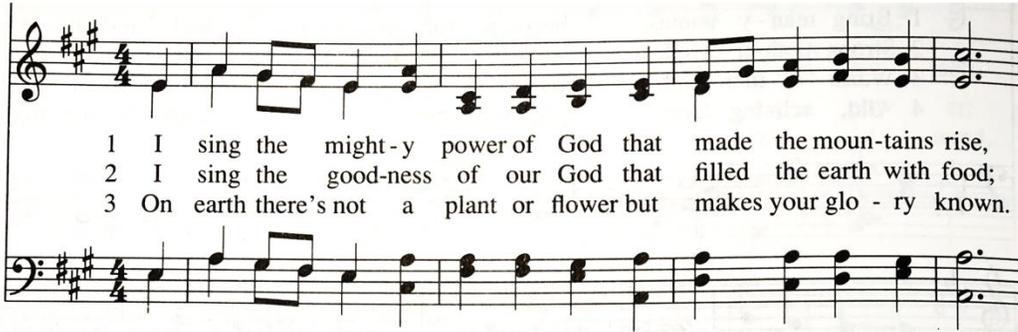
Planned Giving: Thinking of updating your will soon? There are three ways to structure a gift or bequest to First Parish Church through your will:

- *Percentage:* This is the most flexible way to give; the gift automatically changes with the size of the estate
- *Fixed Amount:* This is the most common type of bequest; it can, of course, be changed over the years
- *Residue:* This is a gift of whatever property is left over after other bequests have been fulfilled

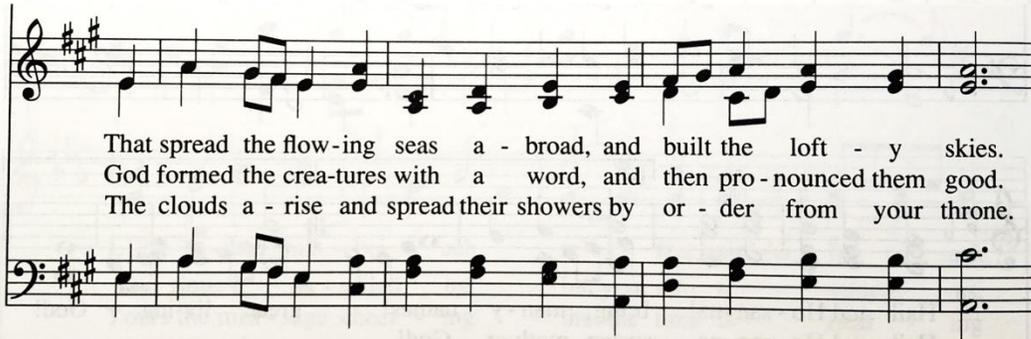
However you choose to remember First Parish in your will, you can take comfort in knowing that you will help our church carry out its mission in the community and the wider world in the years ahead.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to request prayers for yourself or another, please email them to prayers@firstparish.net. All private prayer requests are kept strictly confidential.

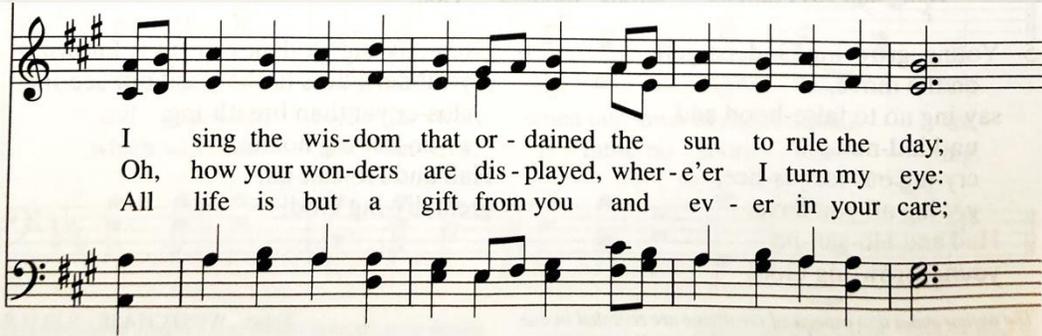
NCH 12 | Sing the Mighty Power of God



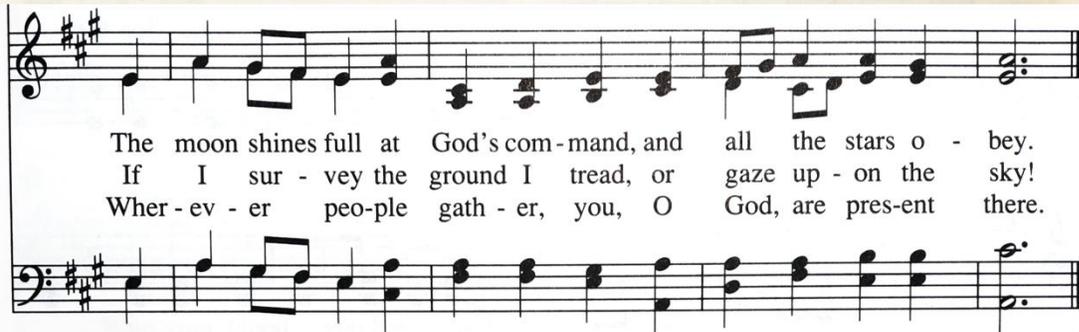
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

NCH 391 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.