



## 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.

Thanksgiving Sunday and Reign of Christ

November 22, 2020

**PRELUDE** *For the Fruit of All Creation* Barry Bobb  
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

**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** *Come, O Thankful People, Come* NCH #422  
(see back pages)

### \*\*PRAYER

**Almighty God, your generous goodness  
comes to us new every day.  
By the work of your Spirit  
lead us to acknowledge your goodness,  
give thanks for your benefits,  
and serve you in the work of justice;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Reverend Annette Mott

**ANTHEM** *We Praise You for the Sun* Allan Mahnke  
Cherub Virtual Choir

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE** Margo Knight

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Ephesians 1:15-23* Juley Salisbury  
*Matthew 25:31-46* Francesco Marshall

**SERMON** Reverend Annette Mott

**ANTHEM** *All Good Gifts* Jeffrey Honoré  
Adult Virtual Choir

SPECIAL OFFERING

*MidCoast Hunger Prevention Project*

Karen Parker

PRAYERS

Francesco Marshall

**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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
(see back pages)

NCH #28

BENEDICTION

Dr. Jane Hagness

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All our God*  
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Jeffrey Honoré



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NCH #422 Come, O Thankful People, Come

1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;  
 2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,  
 3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;  
 all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,  
 and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-ernn praise.

God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;  
 All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,  
 Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,  
 come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

## For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

*Refrain*

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

*Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain  
 Conrad Kocher, 1838  
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861