

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.

First Sunday of Lent & Annual Financial Meeting

February 21, 2021

PRELUDE

Savior, When in Dust to You
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Gerald Near

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Laura Lee

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

Lord, Jesus, Who Through Forty Days
(see back pages)

NCH# 211

**PRAYER

**Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land.
Guide now the people of your Church,
that, following our Savior,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
toward the glory of the world to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Two By Two* Dr. Jane and the World Percussion Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:1-9

Joseph Connolly

SERMON

Francesco Marshall

ANTHEM

Beloved
Westminster Virtual Choir

Mark Miller

PRAYERS

Reverend Estelle Margarones

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

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

NCH #490

(see back pages)

BENEDICTION

Dr. Jane Hagness

POSTLUDE

Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee

Henry Markworth

Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2021
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER TIM GLIDDEN, MODERATOR

OPENING PRAYER REV. ESTELLE MARGARONES

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND ZOOM HOUSEKEEPING TIM GLIDDEN

APPROVAL OF

Minutes of June 7, 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting: MOTION page 3

Clerk of the Church 2020 Report: MOTION page 5

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT SHERI CLARK NADELL, Chair, Finance Committee

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Endowment Accounts page 24

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET LAURA LEE, Chair, Church Council

Operating Budget page 21

Facilities Reserve Budget page 21

185 Park Row Budget page 21

MOTION: *Church Council moves to approve the proposed 2021 budget.*

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT MARGO KNIGHT, Chair

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT regarding ReOpening Task Force LAURA LEE, Chair

ADJOURNMENT



Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

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Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



1 Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion - tide,
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be past,



Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
Yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.



*Unflagging in her zeal for religious education of children,
Claudia F. I. Hernaman wrote some 150 hymns. This one
appeared in her Child's Book of Praise (1873).*

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
Day's The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1562

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

African-American spiritual; alt.

Unison

1 I want Je - sus to go with me;
2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;

I want Je - sus to go with me;
In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When my heart is al - most break - ing,
When my head is bowed in sor - row,

O I want Je - sus to go with me.
O I want Je - sus to com-fort me.
O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

Most spirituals were congregational songs, but such "sorrow songs" as this convey the image of a lone person singing prayerfully to God. The solemnity of this particular spiritual reminds us of the oppression and tragedy with which slavery afflicted so many lives.

Tune: African-American spiritual 8.8.8.9.
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland
and Verolga Nix, 1981