



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.

July 25, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Your Table I Approach
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Benjamin Culli

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Andy Rudalevige

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

Break Now the Bread of Life
Choral Octet

NCH #321

PRAYER

Rev. Estelle Margarones

O God, help me to be a miracle worker!

Inspire me so that my eyes to see the needs around me and inspire my heart and hands to help as I am able. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-21

Tim Glidden

SERMON

Rev. Estelle Margarones

PRAYERS

Rev. Annette Mott

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
World Percussion Ensemble

Fred Kaan, Jamaican Folk Song

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth) Choral Octet

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age
Choral Octet

NCH #306

BENEDICTION

PRELUDE

Now We Offer
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

setting, Jeffrey Honoré



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Break Now the Bread of Life

Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44

Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; alt.

1 Break now the bread of life, Sav - ior, to me, as you once
2 Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once

broke the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond-age cease,

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it yearns for you, O Liv - ing Word.
all shack-les fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Mary Lathbury, "poet laureate of Chautauqua," wrote her prayer hymn to enrich the lives of those gathered for summer study at the lakeside conferences near Jamestown, New York. The tune was written for it by the chorus director of Chautauqua that same season.

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D.
William F. Sherwin, 1877

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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Fred Pratt Green, 1969

1 The church of Christ, in every age be -
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a

set by change, but Spir - it led, Must
 vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For
 car - ing church that longs to be A

claim and test its her - i - tage and
 shel - ter and for bread to eat, and
 part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and

keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 nev - er live be - fore they die.
 clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

Poet Fred Pratt Green has been a chaplain, parish minister, administrator, and playwright. Since retiring from parish responsibilities in 1969, he has been an active hymnwriter and makes his home in Norwich, England.

Tune: WAREHAM L.M.
 William Knapp, 1738