



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.

September 19, 2021

WELCOME

Francesco Marshall

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

setting, J. Bert Carlson

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jane Abernethy

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

Let There be Light, O God of Hosts
(sung by Adult Choir; see back pages)

NCH #589

PRAYER

**Wondrous God, who meets us where we are but doesn't leave us there,
open our eyes to one another,
open our ears to your words of grace,
open our hearts to your presence.
In Christ's name, Amen.**

ANTHEM

A Joyful Alleluia
Chapel Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13- 4:3, 7-8

Abby King

SERMON

Francesco Marshall

MOMENT OF SILENCE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Randall Anderson

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Prayer for Humanity"
Parish Ringers

Linda Lamb

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth) *Please remain seated* (sung by Adult Choir)

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

Francesco Marshall

HYMN

O for a World
(sung by Adult Choir; see back pages)

NCH#575

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

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Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts

William M. Vories, 1908; alt.

1 Let there be light, O God of hosts!
 2 With - in our pas - sioned hearts in - still
 3 Give us the peace of sens - es clear
 4 Let woe and waste of war - fare cease,

Let there be wis - dom on the earth!
 the calm that ends all strain and strife;
 to know our neigh - bors' good our own;
 that use - ful la - bor yet may build

Let broad hu - man - i - ty have birth!
 Make us your min - is - ters of life;
 To hope and suf - fer not a - lone,
 Its homes with love and laugh - ter filled!

Let there be deeds, in - stead of boasts!
 purge us from lusts that curse and kill!
 bond - ed in love that con - quers fear!
 God, give your way - ward chil - dren peace!

William Vories, founder of the vast, interdenominational Omi Mission in Japan, wrote this hymn as a response to the rising threat of German militarism in 1908. It exemplifies the vision of world peace and unity Vories strove to promote through his lifelong missionary work.

Tune: PENTECOST L.M.
 William Boyd, 1864

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839