



First Parish Church

BRUNSWICK, MAINE

May 5, 2024

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 circumstance. We affirm that the love of Christ for each person knows no bounds.

WELCOME

Rev. John Allen

PRELUDE

Deep River
Dr. Jane Hagness

Wilbur Held

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Caitlin McCorkle

****HYMN**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

NCH #459

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

These are the gifts of God
for the people of God.

Through the broken bread
we participate in the body of Christ. *(all eat)*

Through the cup of blessing
we participate in the new life Christ gives. *(all drink)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Wondrous God, we give you thanks for the ways you feed our deep
hungers with living bread and refresh us for the journey of life and
ministry with you. As you have blessed us in this meal, may we be a
blessing to one another and all creation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Martha Kittle

SERMON

"Healing Waters"

Rev. John Allen

MOMENT OF SILENCE

****HYMN**

Water Heal My Body
A Music that Makes Community song
Water heal my body. Water heal my soul.
When I go down, down to the water, by the water, I feel whole.

Coco Love Alcorn

Bold text = Please join us in voice!

****** = Please rise as you are able

PRAYERS

Rev. 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.**

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE (Whelpton)

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. John Allen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Thanks and Praise
Adult Choir

G.F. Handel,
arr. Henry Kihlken

*With heart and soul and voice, give thanks and praise to God.
To God who made the heav'n and earth be glory, thanks and praise.
The heavens proclaim the wonder of God, the oceans reply, the valleys shout for joy!
With heart and soul and voice, give thanks and praise to God.
To God who made the heav'n and earth be glory, thanks and praise.*

****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.**

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****HYMN**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

NCH #21

2024 GRADUATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Diologo Pastorale
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Domenico Zipoli

Please join us for coffee hour following today's service!



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1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Isa. 52:7-10

1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in

farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through
God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's

rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun-try lanes.
all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

CHURCH CONTACTS:

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2023-2024

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Melissa Moody - Assistant

SUNDAY SERVICE

Fred Dickey - Opener

Liz Newman and Ruth Thibodeau – Greeters

Anne Garty and Dick Thomas – Coffee Servers

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following worship today there will be a talk across the street in Fellowship Hall hosted by the EarthCare Team and Maine Audubon all about the benefits of "rewilding" parts of our yards to make them more hospitable to native pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. All are invited to join!

At 2pm today, we will also be hosting **Danielle Keller's Ecclesiastical Council** in the Sanctuary. Come along to celebrate and support one of our own members as she answers the call to ministry!

Have an item for the Sunday bulletin, Friday newsletter, or Life of the Church? Be sure to email your proposed announcement to our Office Administrator, Sarah Mills, at office@firstparish.net by **5pm on Wednesday** so it can be included in that week's messaging!

Ann's Spirituality Library: There's a stimulating book waiting for you within our church's lending library in the parlor of Pilgrim House. Why not select one after church today?

Sanctuary Archive Display: The Amazing Women of our Church 1930's-1970's

Vestry Display: Planned Giving at First Parish Church

Give Electronically

The ministry and mission of First Parish Church is made possible by the offerings of our members and friends. To make an offering with a credit or debit card, please scan this QR code with your smartphone. Gifts of cash and check will be collected during the Offering.

