



First Parish Church

BRUNSWICK, MAINE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 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

Song of the Wind
Parish Ringers

Arnold Sherman

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Todd Rider

****HYMN**

On Pentecost They Gathered

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FESTIVAL PRAYER

Rev. Francesco Marshall

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Jane Abernethy

Dry Bones

Dancers: Bonnie Anderson, Mary Colbath,
Evie Hatrick, Ian Wiley, Dr. Jane Hagness
with the World Percussion Ensemble

SERMON

“Can These Bones Live?”

Rev. John Allen

MOMENT OF SILENCE

****HYMN**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Francesco Marshall

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.

Bold text = Please join us in voice!

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

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

The Lone, Wild Bird
Adult Choir
Candi Hine, flute

Jessica Nelson

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of Earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep, and far-off land.
And I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

****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**

Rev. John Allen

****HYMN**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

NCH #282

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Veni, Creator Spiritus
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Samuel Scheidt

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



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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly**Refrain**James K. Manley, 1978; alt.*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 to Refrain

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
 James K. Manley, 1978
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

Tune: African-American spiritual
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

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Melissa Moody - Assistant

SUNDAY SERVICE

Fred Dickey - Opener
Janet Adams and Ed Bradley – Greeters
Karen and Todd Rider – Coffee Servers

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

