



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an announcement, please come forward to use the microphone in front so you may be seen and heard by all present and at home!

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 145

One: Great is God, and greatly to be praised;

All: **God's greatness is unsearchable.**

For God upholds all who are falling,
And raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, O God,
and you give them their food in due season.

You are just in all your ways,
And kind in all your doings.

The Lord is near to all who call,
God hears their cry, and saves them.

* HYMN

God of Justice, God of Mercy
Selected Verses

Red Hymnal, #504

*1. God of justice, God of mercy,
Make us merciful and just!
Help us see all your creation
As from you a sacred trust.
And when people cry in anguish
For their own or others' pain,
Show us ways to make a difference.
O dear God, make us humane!*

*2. How can we, as people chosen
By your grace for service here—
How endure another's hardship,
Without offering hope or cheer?
God, forgive us, we beseech you,
When our love fails to empower.
Teach us how to be more faithful
In this present crucial hour.*

3. *You have formed us, God of rainbows,
In your image for you will.
Seeing our diverse reflection,
Trusting you, we marvel still;
For our colors, strengths and talents
Show what one alone would lack,
Calling us to work together—
brown, red, golden, white, and black.*

4. *Grant all people work with meaning,
Strength to care for those they love.
Food for table, truth for telling,
Challenges to rise above.
But remind us, God of justice,
This is now our work our call!
Changing life's oppressive systems
Into ones empowering all.*

5. *So the vision you have planted
In each human mind and heart
Now becomes the spark of action
Calling us to do our part.
Keep that vision clear before us:
Men and women, girls and boys,
Valued in response and witness,
Sharing challenges and joys.*

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

...God of Justice and Mercy,
**Strengthen us to do justice,
Inspire us to love kindness,
And guide us to walk humbly with you.
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Praise Canon

Michael Sharp

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 10:17-22

SERMON

MEETING CHIEF POLIN

The Rev. Susan Gilpin

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... *The pastor will continue the prayer...*

Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

In the Sanctuary, an offering plate is available as you leave today. Online, gifts may be shared here: <https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/>. In this time, you might reflect on where you have received gifts in the past week, and how you might share with gratitude with others.

*** Doxology 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.**

Blessing the Gifts

*** HYMN**

O For a World
Selected Verses

Red Hymnal, #500

*1. O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.*

*2. O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
And equality achieved.*

*3. We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.*

*4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.*

*5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.*

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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This Morning's Ministers of Worship are:

Mary Ryder and Carrie Penrose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 10:

2:00 p.m. Falmouth Land Trust Walk
(Conant St., Westbrook)

4:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Monday, October 11:

10:00 a.m. Falmouth Land Trust Walk
(Overset Rd., Portland)

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, October 12:

9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group

1:00 p.m. Knitting Group

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:45 p.m. Tuesday Night AA Gathering

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 14:

7:00 p.m. Congregational Conversation
On Witness (Zoom)

Saturday, October 16:

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service - Anne Jackson
(First Parish Church, Yarmouth - Online)

Sunday, October 17:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Andrew, Susan Blethen's son has been released from the hospital and has returned home to further convalesce. Many have made inquiries as to how they can help the family. Meal preparation and delivery to Andrew is the greatest need currently. He lives in Falmouth on Whitney Road. If you can help, please contact Susan directly at 776-1449.

Foreside Community Bakers ~ Please plan to make and contribute some of your luscious baked goods to the **First Church Fair, Saturday October 23, 12 to 2:00 p.m.** Please also consider baking pies for our pie sale. You can offer to bake any kind of pie for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or any time between October 30 and the end of the year. **Please contact either Claudia Kinnear (781-2477) or Margaret Perkins (767-1183 / margaretperkins1028@gmail.com)** to sign up. We need to have your pie offerings **by Tuesday October 19** so that we can prepare the signup sheets for buyers on October 23. Thanks for considering a contribution in support of this effort.
Margaret Perkins

Speaking of Christmas Fair...

Like last year, the in-person fair will be divided up into two largely outside events, October 23, and December 4, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. for maximum warmth, and masked and distanced for personal safety. **Saturday October 23rd, (rain date the 24th)** will be knitting, sewing, baking, and many sign-up sheets, for wreathes, candy, boxwood trees, chili, whole dinners, and many pies for the holidays. We may have a table or two of housewares, if we think they will sell, and we don't have to move a lot back inside. We may have jewelry. We will certainly have surprises...and see weekly updates for more info on the December 4 event.

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