



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

Sunday, September 13, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude to Te Deum

M. Charpentier

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

From Psalm 104

One: Bless the Lord, O my Soul.

Many: **O Lord my God, you are very great.**

You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

**You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,*
to bring forth food from the earth.

**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.

**The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

* HYMN

Glorious Thing of Thee are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

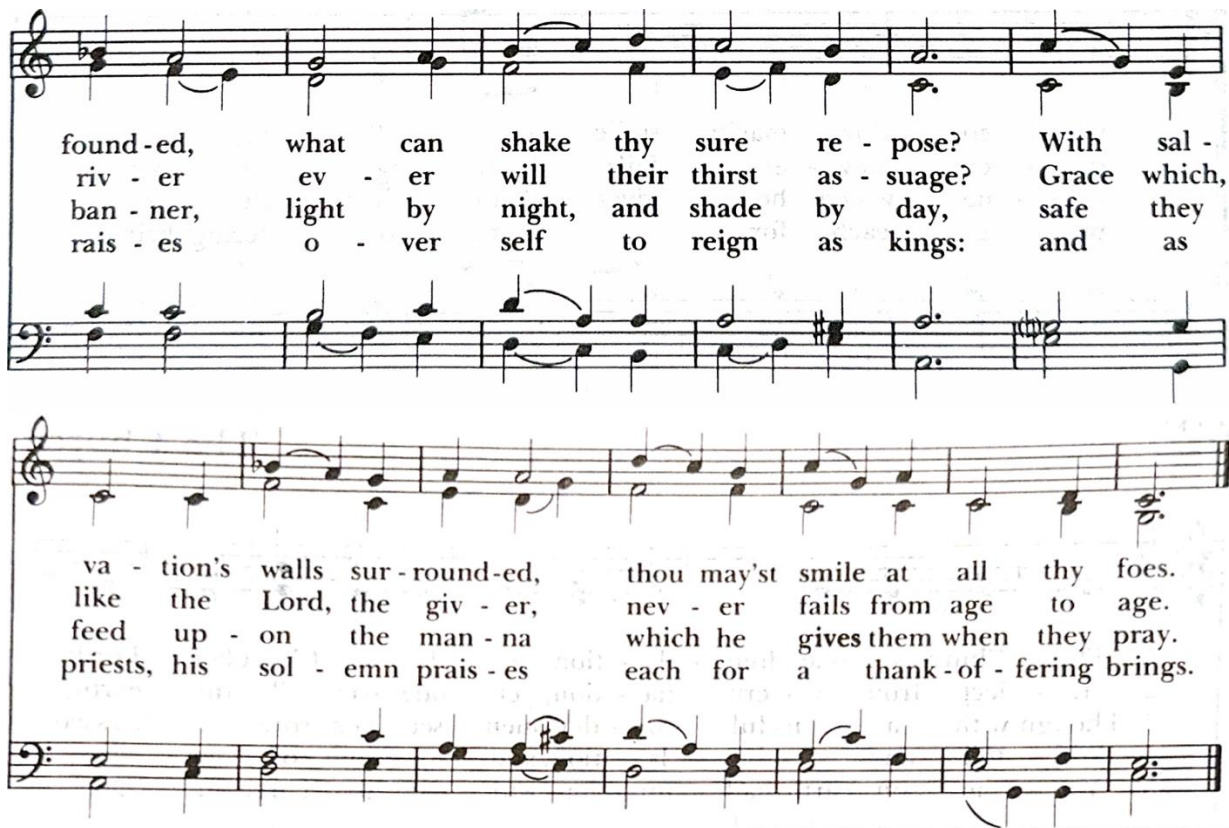


of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,



formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple





found-ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank-of - fering brings.

A BLESSING FOR A MILESTONE

David Bartoletti, Trevor Lavenbein

Words of Thanksgiving

Debbie Reifsnyder, Phil Gleason

Words of Blessing

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*Children are invited to go to Sunday school at this time.
 They are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families as well.*

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON

A Joyful Noise

The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The Lord's 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

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.

Offertory Anthem

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum



C. Debussy

*** 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. Amen.

*** Blessing of Gifts**

*** HYMN**

Bring Many Names

Red Hymnal, #6

Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate, in
parable and story, holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the
wonders of creation, setting each equation, genius at plan:
Hail and Hosanna! Strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the
strains of human living, caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna! Warm father God!

Old, aching God, gray with endless care, calmly piercing
evil's new disguises, glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna! Old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to
falsehood and unkindness, crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna! Young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness
far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna! – great, living God!

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. James Koerts

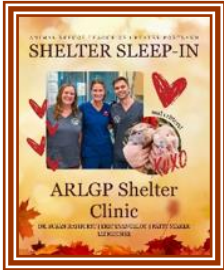
Today's Ministers of Worship:

Bob Murray and Carrie Penrose

Nursery Staff

Lucy Herring

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FCC member Dr. Susan Hayhurst is competing in the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland's Shelter Sleep-In on September 25th! Dr. Susan will be sleeping overnight with the rabbits and guinea pigs, trying to raise money for the shelter animals. Here is a big call out to all FCC animal lovers, and those with big “fur baby” hearts, to help her raise more funds than her fellow competitors! If you are moved by this greatly needed humanitarian effort, please open the following



link and enter your support: <https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/sleepinshelterclinic>. ***Please note ~ 100% of funds raised at this event support the ARLGP and the 4,000 animals that depend on them every year. Join Susan in making a difference and saving lives!***



On September 27th The Justice & Outreach Ministry will be hosting a Mission Moment spotlighting the incredible work of “Nanna’s

House.” Nanna’s is dedicated to easing the transition into

foster care for children and families, many times without adequate resources to address the lack of clothing, toiletries, and even diapers, that many of these little clients leave their homes without. In preparation of the 27th visit by Nanna’s lead executive and the heart of the program, Beth Fournier, J&O is asking the congregation to help provide essential supplies for these children. In the narthex is a large, white collection box and next to it is a basket holding a number of paper slips with the items needed. Please take a moment, and take a list. Even one donated item will be gratefully received.

Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning!

We hope that you discover here what you have come seeking.

In the hymnal rack in front of you is a **welcome card** that you may fill out to let us know that you were here. It has a place to indicate how we might help you to learn more about us. Please check those boxes if that would be helpful. The card can be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. We are glad that you have come, and would be privileged to welcome you further.

Nursery care is always available during worship. The nursery is located through the side door at the front of the sanctuary, up the stairs, and down the hallway, third door on the right. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the nursery and then return to worship at any time. Alternately, the nursery is equipped with a sound system so that you may listen to the service even if you would like to remain with your child.

Children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday school. Classes are scheduled to run through 10:40 a.m., at which time children can be picked up from the large Sunday school classroom at the end of the hall. If services conclude prior to 10:40 a.m. please feel free to enjoy refreshments and fellowship downstairs until pick-up time. Otherwise, children can be picked up immediately following the service.

Comfortable seating is available during Sunday service. An assortment of cushions is available at the back of the church. If you need assistance in retrieving one, please do not hesitate to ask a Minister of Worship usher.

Join us for coffee and conversation immediately following worship! We gather in our reception area downstairs which can be reached via the stairs, or the ADA accessible elevator, both located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and say hello!

Communion Sundays are usually held the first Sunday of each month.

The Foreside Community Church strives to be a **fragrance-free environment**. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products.

THIS WEEK AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, September 13:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
After Worship Welcome Back Potluck!

11:30 a.m. Sunday School Volunteer Orientation (Classroom)

Monday, September 14: **Please RSVP Deb Gray**
for 9/16 Women's Breakfast attendance.
7:30 p.m. Christian Education Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 15:

- 12:00 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Knitters (Classroom)
- 6:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 p.m.** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 p.m.** AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 16:

- 8:30 a.m.** Women's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m.** Centering Prayer (Pastor's Office)
- 1:00 p.m.** Justice & Outreach Ministry (Classroom)
- 4:00 p.m.** FCC Book Club (Classroom)
- 7:00 p.m.** Finance Ministry (Google Meet)

Thursday, September 17:

- 6:00 p.m.** Women's AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m.** Building & Grounds Ministry (Zoom)

Friday, September 18: Deadline for submissions to the October *Steeplenotes*.

Saturday, September 19: 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. Confirmation Retreat (Off-campus)

Sunday, September 20: **9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**
(Sanctuary and Online)

340 Foreside Road
Falmouth, ME 04105-1428

207-781-5880
info@foresidechurch.org

www.foresidechurch.org



An Open and Affirming Congregation

General Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
unless otherwise posted

The Rev. Geoff Parker, Pastor – gparker@foresidechurch.org
Trevor Lavenbein, Choir Director – tlavenbein@foresidechurch.org
David Bartoletti, Organist/Accompanist – dbartoletti@foresidechurch.org
Elise Wulff, Youth and Families Coordinator – ewulff@foresidechurch.org
Christina Sklarz, Office Manager – csklarz@foresidechurch.org

Music and words reproduced under OneLicense A-729761 and CCLI License 20202669 All rights reserved.