

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

July 15, 2018 9:30 AM

Season of Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Song from Organbook 1 – Ned Rorem* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

PEOPLE: **We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.**

LEADER: We are gathered to renew our hope in the Spirit as we travel life's long journey.

PEOPLE: **We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love for our future.**

LEADER: The same Spirit guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

PEOPLE: **We praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God's hands.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 27 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.**

\*HYMN NO. 595 *Be Thou My Vision*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *There is a Spirit that Delights to do no Evil – N. Rorem*

\*DOXOLOGY Chalice Hymnal No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Most giving and forgiving God, you provide for our every need. You open our lips to offer you praise. You strengthen our hands to respond to Christ's call. With hearts, hands, and voices renewed by your Spirit, we place now before you our commitment to serve. Use us in ways that will benefit others, and accept what we offer as a sign of our faith. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 Chalice Hymnal No. 752

SCRIPTURE LESSON Second Samuel 6:1-5 Liz Verity

SERMON What Do You Dance? Rev. Kevin Pleas

\*CLOSING HYMN *Lord of the Dance*  
(see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Reveille from Organbook 1 – N. Rorem*

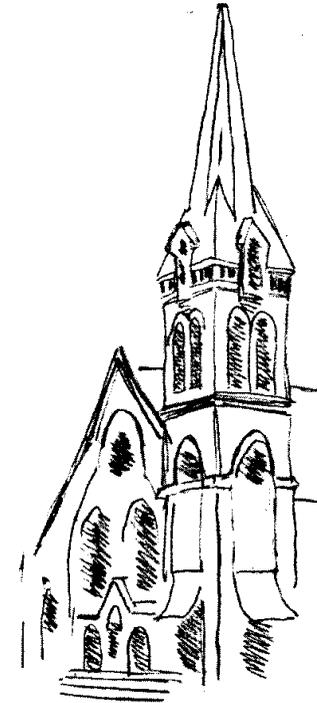
\*You are invited to stand if you wish

SCRIPTURE READING: Second Samuel 6:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version)

Old Testament page 274 in RSV Pew Bibles

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

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United Church of Christ**

508 Union Street, Manchester, NH \* 603-625-5093  
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM (Summer)

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