



First Parish Church

BRUNSWICK, MAINE

July 14, 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. Francesco Marshall

PRELUDE

Aria
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

George Frideric Handel

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Ted Wickwire

OPENING PRAYER

Open us to know the presence of a loving God. Kindle a flame in us to hold the desire of walking in justice and faith. Enliven in us the zeal to move with confidence as we bring the good news of Jesus Christ. Let us feel the breath of God's Holy Spirit moving in our midst. Amen.

****HYMN**

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling (vs. 1-4)

NCH #67

SCRIPTURE

Acts 28:26-31

Ruth Thibodeau

SERMON

"They Will Listen"

Rev. Francesco Marshall

MOMENT OF SILENCE

****HYMN**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NCH #493

PRAYERS

Bold text = Please join us in voice!

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

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. Francesco Marshall

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nigerian Alleluia
Summer Singers

Gordon Young

Kumba ya, my Lord, kumba ya.
Kumba ya, Lord, kumba ya.
Someone's singing, Lord, kumba ya.
Someone's praying, Lord, kumba ya.
Someone's crying, Lord, kumba ya.
Someone's shouting, Lord, Alleluia!
Kumba ya.

**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

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

NCH #490

****BENEDICTION**

Rev. Francesco Marshall

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

setting, Benton Price



*We regret the omission last week that the altar flowers were donated
by Maureen Hurley in memory of her mother, Lillian Jordan.*



Join us for coffee hour after worship in the Vestry.



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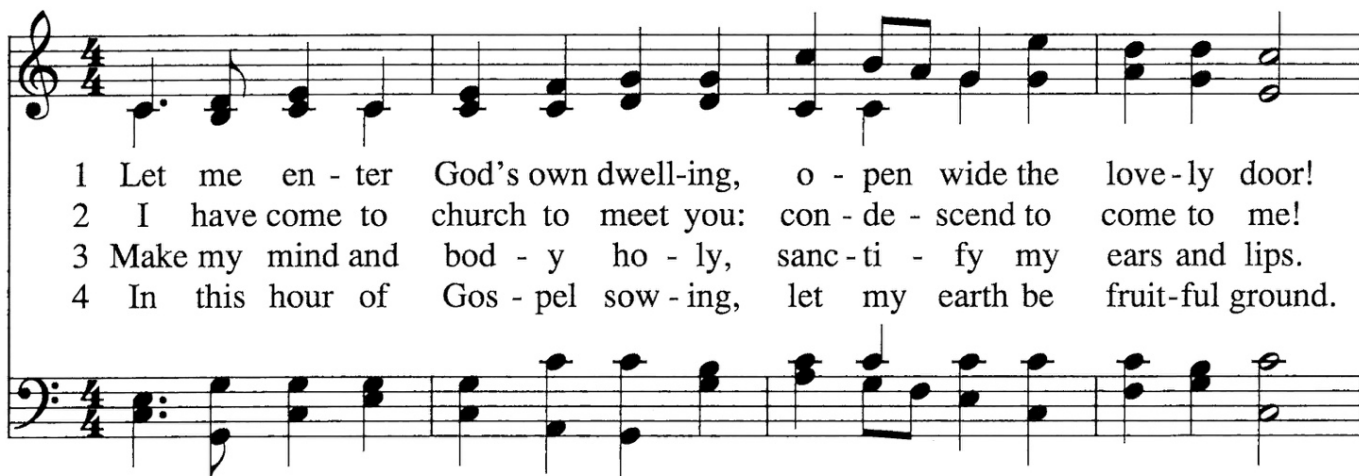
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Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

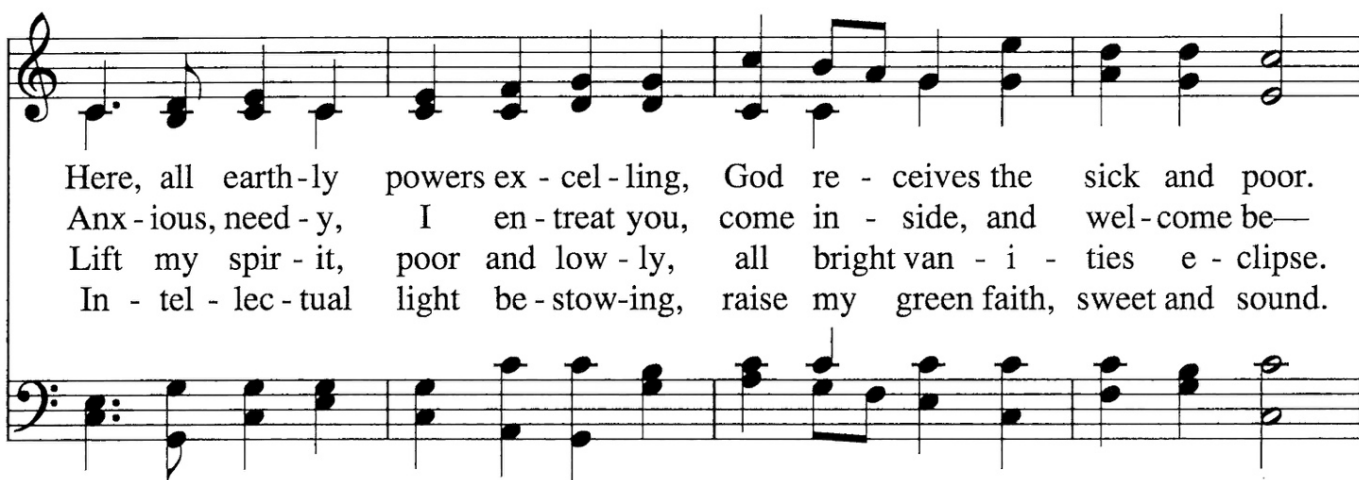
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Benjamin Schmolck, 1732

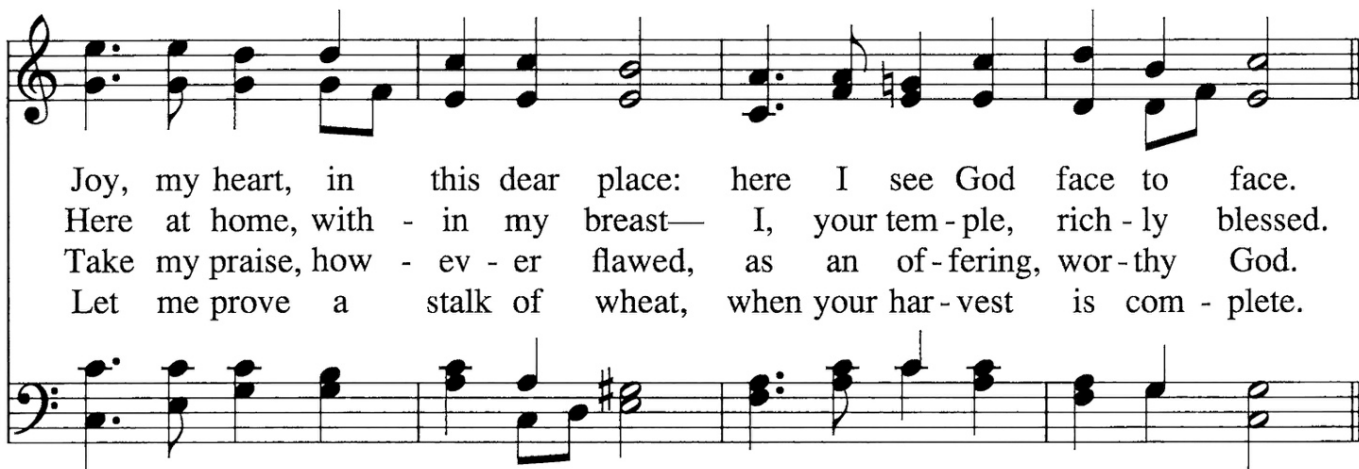
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.



Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.



Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.

A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Joachim Neander, 1680

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.
A. H. Mann, 1883
Alternate tune: MUNICH

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

*African-American spiritual; alt.**Unison*

1 I want Je - sus to go with me;
 2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;

I want Je - sus to go with me;
 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,

O I want Je - sus to go with me.
 O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.
 O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

Most spirituals were congregational songs, but such "sorrow songs" as this convey the image of a lone person singing prayerfully to God. The solemnity of this particular spiritual reminds us of the oppression and tragedy with which slavery afflicted so many lives.

Tune: African-American spiritual 8.8.8.9.
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland
 and Verolga Nix, 1981

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Melissa Moody - Assistant

SUNDAY SERVICE

Fred Dickey – Opener
Wanda Webber Snyder and Ruth Thibodeau – Greeters
Ruth Thibodeau and Janet Adams– Coffee Servers

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for Summer Singers. On July 21, August 4 and August 18.

Plan to arrive in the sanctuary by 9:00 a.m. where we will all work on an anthem together that we will then sing as an offertory during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. I hope you can join us for any or all of these Sundays. No choir experience needed, just a desire to make some music and connect with others. Contact Dr. Jane at *jhagness@firstparish.net* with any questions.

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: NEW BOOKS! We have added a dozen new books to our lending library in the parlor of the Pilgrim House. Please take a moment during the week or before or after church to borrow a book to broaden your faith journey.

WALK OUR OUTDOOR LABYRINTH: Help us reach our goal of 100 different people walking the outdoor labyrinth this summer! All the details are in our vestry display.

Sanctuary Archive Display: The Ties That Bind - Chamberlain and First Parish Church

Vestry Display: Walking our Outdoor Labyrinth

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.

