

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all nations, on this day we break bread in solidarity with the faithful around the world. We give you thanks that we are all made in your image, with such rich diversity. May this sacred meal remind us that we are all one body in you, made up of different languages, cultures, traditions, and ways of worship. We thank you and praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively, and for the gift of your life-giving presence in Christ Jesus, poured out among all humanity. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" No. 600

## THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"  
Arr., Frederick Swann (b. 1931)

*The flowers are given in memory and honor of family and friends by Pepi Upton.*

**Welcome Guests!** We're glad you're here. Restrooms are available on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are in Fellowship Hall, next door. You're invited to enjoy refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. If you'd like more information about the church, please see the Welcome brochure in your pew back.

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

**Nursery Care:** Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under.

**Sunday School:** All youth ages 4 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. After the Children's Message, youth meet up with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers make their way to the Fellowship Hall classrooms. After worship, parents are asked to sign out and pick up children in their classrooms. Guests are welcome to attend Sunday School and we ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the youth make their way over.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758 Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. For emergency pastoral care after office hours and on weekends, you may reach one of the pastors by calling 207-358-9776. The pastors are available to make hospital visits and we invite you to let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you ask them to do so.

**Photos and Video:** We regularly take photos and video for use in media. If you would prefer your/your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.



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*Welcome*

### Vision

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to *authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve* all with compassion and grace.

### Mission

Following the way of Jesus, we celebrate *inspirational worship; create life-changing experiences* for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice *meaningful congregational care*.

While *respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate for justice and mercy, and intentionally respond to the needs* of our community and the world.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

**PRELUDE** "SANCTUS" (from *St. Cecelia Mass*) Charles Gounod (1818-1893)  
Adagio Molto (from *Third Organ Sonata*) Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

**THE INVITATION** God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Rev. Estelle Margarones  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Pastor Dan Hollis

We come from York Harbor, York Beach, York Village, Cape Neddick, Portsmouth, Hampton, Kittery and beyond...

**We come from different home bases, yet together we are one family-the family of God.**

We turn our attention to all that is good and right and true in this world and the next.

**Let us be at peace in our hearts and homes. May that peace prevail throughout the world!**

**\*HOSPITALITY MOMENT**

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."  
*(Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.)*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" No. 72

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)  
Margarones

Rev. Estelle

**Father God, we are grateful for your love and support. We confess to you that we sometimes wish circumstances were different. Sometimes we wonder where you are or why you seem slow to act. Forgive us, O God, for we know that in truth you are always present and always helping. You do not forsake, nor forget. Help us to have faith in times of plenty and in times of poverty; in times of joy and in times of sorrow. Strengthen our hearts toward hope, even when we wonder. We are grateful for all that has been, all that is, and all that will still be. We pray this in the name of your son Jesus,**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Dan Hollis

**ANTHEM**

"LET ALL ON EARTH THEIR VOICES RAISE"  
Music: Benjamin Harlan/Text: Isaac Watts  
**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Dan Hollis

**SCRIPTURE** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 O.T. page 824 Scott Stevens

**SERMON**

Rev. Estelle Margarones

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "HE FIRST LOVED US" Andrew Hirst (b. 1991)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.  
Dear friends, let us love another for love comes from God.  
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.  
Do unto others as you would have them do to you.  
Love one another and know that I will be with you.*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

No. 34

**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!**

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity. We drink from the cup individually as a symbol of our uniqueness. *(We serve grape juice, not wine and have gluten free crackers available in the middle of each tray.)*

## THIS WEEK

<b>Today, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Hospitality Committee Meeting 9:30am Worship/World Communion Sunday 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 1pm Youth Group-grades 9-12 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Zumba
<b>Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
<b>Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Zumba 3:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 5pm Bible Conversations 7pm Search Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Aerobics 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearal 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Aerobics
<b>Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Village Faire 10am Youth Group-grades 5-8
<b>Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship 10:30am Christian Education-Cupcake Sale 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



### **Ministers**

*All the Members of the Congregation*  
*Leading Worship Today:*  
*Rev. Estelle Margarones*  
*Pastor Dan Hollis*

### **Staff**

*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries*  
*Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate*  
*Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator*

### **First Parish Church Lay Leaders**

*Jan Jonas, Moderator*  
*Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator*  
*Ray Hamlin, Treasurer*  
*Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*



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**FAITH FEATURES**

**Have Fun & Meet People: Volunteer for Village Faire:** Saturday, October 12th from 9am-4pm! Come, enjoy camaraderie and make a critical difference in just an hour or two! Bakers, table workers, and other volunteers are needed. Please sign up at the Opportunity Table or call the office at 363-3758.

**Book Group:** Join us to discuss *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr, Wednesday, October 16 from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Wheeler Room at the York Public Library. For more info, contact Pastor Estelle at 363-3758.

**Pumpkin Patch:** The pumpkins are here! The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week, for four weeks or until the pumpkins are sold. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted. Sign up on the First Parish Church website at [www.firstparishyork.net](http://www.firstparishyork.net) and click on the link on the homepage.

**Weekly Creation Care Tip:** Seal air leaks. Using weather-stripping to seal drafts around windows/ doors will cut your heating and cooling expenses and reduce the burning of fossil fuels. According to the US Dept. of Energy, air sealing an old and especially drafty house can save more than 20% on energy bills.  
(Source: [Energy.gov](http://Energy.gov), [https:// bit.ly/2MkBnv9](https://bit.ly/2MkBnv9))

**York Community Services Association:** They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with the new Neighborhood Network Transportation program. Offering rides to banks, grocery store, doctors, etc. Specifically they are looking for someone willing to be one of a list of three drivers available Monday mornings and you might be asked to drive every 2-4 weeks and be flexible. Contact Linda Drew, First Parish Church at 207-351-8141 or Michelle Surdoval, YCSA at 207-363-5504