

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*Flowers this morning are given by the Handbell Choir
to the Glory of God for the gift of music.*

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in your pew back or at FirstParishYork.net. You're invited to enjoy refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

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.

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.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are across the way in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Sunday School: All youth ages 4 through 7th 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.



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First Parish Church
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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, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able*

9:15AM HYMN SING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

"JOYFUL DANCE" Margaret R. Tucker
First Parish Handbell Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

Pastor Dan Hollis

Let us be together, as the gathered Body of Christ.

We come to receive Christ's light.

We trust that God is our refuge and our strength.

We come to be renewed by God's love.

May God fill us all with peace, love and light!

***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** "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE" No. 59

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)*

Rev. Estelle Margarones

O Lord, we are grateful for your steadfast love and very present Spirit. Thank you for walking with us on this journey of faith. Encourage our hearts, open our minds, and help us to be the people you have claimed as yours. May we be as vessels, filled with great hope, so that we may share your hope, help, and healing with all. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us these words...

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

"THIS DAY OF GLADNESS" Susan E. Geschke
First Parish Handbell Choir

BAPTISM

Ophelia Brooks Stuppy – born March 18, 2019
daughter of Zachary Stuppy and Annelle Stuppy
Meggie Patterson and Ayres Heller, Godparents

***COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION** *(unison)*

Into our fellowship of faith, we receive Ophelia Stuppy. We promise to provide a school of Christian learning, personal concern for her spiritual welfare, and examples of charity and devotion. May God's Holy Spirit guide us so that she will come to see this church as her community of faith. To you and to Ophelia, we offer our Christian love and support.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:23-25 N.T. page 198 Karen Cox

SERMON

Rev. Estelle Margarones

TESTIMONIAL

Lauren Cummings

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"I THANK YOU, LORD" Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

*Now when I think upon the blessings of this life,
the forest deep, the glory of the skies,
the promise of the rising sun and the moon when day is done,
I thank you you, Lord. And when I look into the eyes of those I love,
or when I gaze upon the starry night above,
my heart is filled with joyful praise and I bless you holy name.*

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

***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!

***CLOSING HYMN**

"MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE" No. 587

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, November 10th

9:15am Hymn Sing
9:30am Worship/Stewardship Sunday
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
1pm Youth Group-grades 9-12
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 11th

8am Zumba
6:30pm Fellowship in Action Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th

8:30am Yoga
5-7pm Table of Plenty
6:30pm Assessors Meeting
7pm Creation Care Committee-Handprints Over
Footprints-York Public Library

Wednesday, November 13th

8:30am Zumba
9:30am Women's Bible Study
5pm Conversations on the Bible

Thursday, November 14th

8:30am Aerobics
5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 15th

8:30am Aerobics
5pm Youth Group-grades 5-6
7pm Youth Group-grades 7-8

Saturday, November 16th

10am Men's Ensemble at York High School

Sunday, November 17th

9:30am Worship
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

November Book Group: Join us to discuss *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, Wednesday, November 20th from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Kennebunk Room at the York Public Library. It is recommended to read the book in advance of our meeting. For more info, contact Pastor Dan at 363-3758.

Wreaths and Greens: On December 7 we will have a handcrafts table again this year. If you sew, quilt, knit, hook, make things from wood, or any other craft, please consider donating an item or items to this year's Wreaths and Greens and More event. For more information contact Susan Mancinelli at 351-8641 or sman1234@twc.com.

Book Stipend: 1st year, 2nd Semester College Students who are members of First Parish Church are eligible for a "one time" book stipend from the Diaconate. Applications available in the Parish Office and Opportunity Table or email office@firstparishyork.net
Deadline December 13, 2019

Creation Care Committee: Beach Cleanups on November 16 and 30. We think it's important to carry on with our mission, even though it's getting a little chilly! We'll meet at the Long Sands Beach House at 7am on both of these Saturdays, dependent on decent weather. Please bring a bag to collect trash, and some gloves. We will have extra bags and gloves for those who need them. Questions contact Nan Roberts at 978-877-759.

Please Save the Dates: Sunday, November 24 for our Thanksgiving Dinner of Gratitude. After worship enjoy turkey and all the trimmings.

Tuesday, November 26 at 7pm is the Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving at First Parish.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Avoid fast food. Several factors harmful to the environment result from this business model, including the methane produced by factory farming, clear cutting of forests for grazing pastures and long-distance shipping. In addition, fast food packaging counts for an estimated 40% of all litter with Styrofoam being the most common food waste. (Source: Metroactive.com, (<http://bit.ly/2Kery3Z>)



I am the way...

John 14:6

ALL THE WAY: THE WAY OF RESURRECTION

In Jesus' day, there were four competing ways of being faithful in a time of domination: Torah alone, righteousness alone, God alone, and country alone. The question the Sadducees posed to Jesus cuts to the quick about these competing visions of the future as they are all variations of living determined by biology or as if there is no resurrection (Luke 20:27-38).

For whatever reason, you may be living as if there is no resurrection, Jesus is assuring you, let it die. Distraught, let it die. Angry, let it die. Anxious when you watch the news and wait on election results, let it die. Still trying to negotiate for pride, let it die. Protecting privilege or position, let it die. Exhausting yourself with security, let it die.

Trust that God is the God of the living. Trust that you are a child of resurrection. And trust that your enemy or your opponent or your adversary is a child of resurrection, as well. Privilege will not be carried over, neither will money, nor prestige, nor health, nor marriage status, not even biology. Resurrection is the promise that the relationship will continue that began when God first called this creation and you into being and declared it and you good. As children of God we are children of resurrection for our God is the God of the living. In the human landscape webbed with paths, the way of resurrection, like the ways of mercy, humility and gratitude, promises a future with hope.

Join us on the way.