

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, through this meal, we recognize and celebrate our union with you, our union with each other, and our union with Christians all over the world. We are grateful that we are always invited to your table. May this ceremonial meal renew us in spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY" No. 569

## THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME" Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my husband Donald by Helen Stuart.*

**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](http://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 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.



First Parish Church  
Congregational  
United Church of Christ

*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, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP  
COMMUNION

*\*Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

**PRELUDE** Moderato Maestoso (from *Concerto in A minor*) Vivaldi-Bach  
Trio for Flute Stops Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

**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

As we prepare to worship God, let us focus on all of God's people. May the poor in spirit be richly blessed.

**May the grieving be blessed with peace.**

May those who hear your call, respond.

**May we journey this life as those who are humble, merciful, peaceful, and pure in heart!**

**\*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** “REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART ” No. 113

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Rev. Estelle Margarones

**God of all creation, we lift our voices in praise for all you have given us. We confess that we sometimes take your world, our relationships, and our very lives for granted. Forgive us when we fail to see our blessings. Forgive us when we fail to feel your presence surrounding us through all of our journeys. Inspire us to empty ourselves of pride and fill ourselves with your word and your will. May we be the people you have called us to be. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who shared this prayer,**

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**

“BLESSED” Valerie Showers Crescenz

*Blessed are the poor in spirit for the kingdom of heaven is theirs;  
and those who mourn shall be comforted for their sorrows will be shared.  
Blessed are those who are gentle and meek for the earth shall be their prize;  
and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
Rejoice and be glad, your reward is great, in heaven will you find rest.  
With all the prophets and all who have gone before, forever shall you be blessed.*

—adapted from Matthew 5: 3-12

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12 N.T. page 3 Barbara Elkhorn

**SERMON**

Rev. Estelle Margarones

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** HYMN PRELUDE ON “CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”  
Arr., Jeffrey Allan Honor' (b. 1956)

**\*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**

**Today, Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9:30am Worship/Communion  
 11am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (sop/alto)

**Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** 8am Zumba

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Yoga  
 5-7pm Table of Plenty

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Zumba  
 9:30am Women’s Bible Study  
 5pm Conversations on the Bible  
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting  
 7pm Search Committee Meeting

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Aerobics  
 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal  
 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (ten/bass)

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Aerobics

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:15am Hymn Sing  
 9:30am Worship  
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Helping Through Loose Change:** 68 Hours of Hunger will be the recipient of your loose change collected during the month of February. The collection boxes are located in the narthex.

**DINE with NINE:** Feel free to plug into a date and enjoy a lunch or an evening dinner together. There are FOUR openings to dine on Thursday, February 6, FOUR openings on Friday, February 7 and FIVE openings on Saturday, February 8, all evening dinners. Sign up at the Opportunity Table. Future dates February 14 (lunch), February 15, February 16, February 29 (lunch). Thank you for your participation! Questions? Linda Drew 207-351-8141 or p.l.drew79@me.com.

**Creation Care Committee:** Calling all Earth Lovers, Beach Combers, Families, and Individuals. Beach Clean Up dates on Saturday, February 29; Saturday, March 14 and March 28 all at 3pm. Meet at the Longs Sands Beach bath house. Bring a bag, gloves and a shovel, but if you don’t have them, come anyway. We’ll have extras. Questions contact Nan Roberts at 978-877-6759.

**Weekly Creation Care Tip:** Defrost your refrigerator and freezer. Frost buildup can decrease the efficiency of those appliances. Keeping frost levels at less than one-quarter inch can keep your units running as efficiently as possible.

Source: Energy.gov, <https://bit.ly/2vrQxKM>(<https://bit.ly/2vrQxKM>)



**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*