

## 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 “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD” No. 507

## THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Menuet Gothique (from *Suite Gothique*)  
Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

*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.



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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, MARCH 1, 2020 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT/COMMUNION**

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

**PRELUDE** Rondo in D Major Marin Marais (1656-1728)  
Hymn Prelude on “Amazing Grace” Arr., Frederick Swann (b. 1931)

**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

Let us prepare to draw closer to the Cross.

**We faithfully embark on this Lenten journey!**

The Lenten journey requires patience.

**May God grant us patience.**

The Lenten journey requires courage.

**May God grant us courage.**

Let us be in worship to draw ever closer to Christ!

**\*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** “LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS” No. 252

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)* Rev. Estelle Margarones  
**Lord of all, we give you praise and glory for granting us your steadfast presence. We confess that sometimes we feel alone, frightened, or frustrated by our circumstances. We confess that sometimes we’ve known what you expect of us and we’ve done something else. Forgive us, God, for our weaknesses. We confess that we have sometimes given in to temptation and realize that our actions have caused pain to self or other. Please help us to follow you ever more closely and, when given the chance, help us to do the right thing. We pray this in the name of your son, who led by example and who taught us 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.**

**ANTHEM** “CARRY ME HOME” Spiritual, arr., Susan Thrift  
*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.  
I looked over Jordan and what did I see?  
A band of angels coming after me.  
If you get there before I do, tell all my friends I’m coming there too.*  
**Sweet Spirit**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor Dan Hollis

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11 N.T. page 3 Jerri LeConte

**SERMON** Rev. Estelle Margarones

**CALL TO GIVING** Pastor Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** “JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY” Arr., Michael Larkin  
*Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by Himself.  
Nobody else could walk it for Him. He had to walk it by Himself.*  
**Meredyth Goss, flute  
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!**

**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, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:30am Worship/Lent I/Communion  
10:45am Creation Care Committee Meeting  
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8am Zumba

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30am Yoga

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

5-7pm Table of Plenty

8:30am Zumba

9:30am Women's Bible Study

2pm Village Faire Committee Meeting

5pm Conversations on the Bible

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Aerobics

9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal

6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Aerobics

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Community Turkey Dinner

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am Hymn Sing

9:30am Worship/Lent II

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**

**Coffee Hour:** today will be hosted by the Nominating Committee (Richard Leigh, Dianne Goodwin, Faye Gourlie and Kay Hamlin) as a way of saying "Thank you" for all members whose term just ended on boards and committees, for those members who just agreed to serve on a board or committee, for those who are continuing on serving and for those who will serve in future years. First Parish is fortunate to have such faithful and dedicated members.

**Annual Free Turkey Dinner:** Free to all. Saturday, March 7 at 12noon at St. Christopher's. Volunteers needed: Food-6 Turkeys, 10 pies contact Anne Monks at 774-239-7008. Servers and Drivers contact Janet Cassidy at 207-363-4237 or [cassidywednesday@aol.com](mailto:cassidywednesday@aol.com). To have a meal delivered contact the Parish Office at 207-363-3758 or [office@firstparishyork.net](mailto:office@firstparishyork.net).

**Leadership Retreat:** Saturday, March 14, 9am – 12noon. If you serve on a Board or Committee or help with a fundraiser, please come. RSVP to Parish Office at [office@firstparishyork.net](mailto:office@firstparishyork.net) or 207-363-3758.

**Dine with Nine:** We have just one opening for dinner on Saturday, March 14. Contact Linda Drew at 207-351-8141 or [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com). Again a hearty thanks to all who participated, hosts and diners! Wonderful fellowship!

**Creation Care Committee:** Did you know the Creation Care Committee has a compost bin just outside Fellowship Hall for you to bring your compostable materials? Acceptable items include: food scraps, including meat, shells, dairy, bones. Questions contact Linda or Philip Drew at [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)

**Weekly Creation Care Tip:** Buy and install a programmable thermostat (aim for 68 degrees day time and 60 degrees night time) and low-flow showerhead. Weatherize your home: insulate hot water heater, increase insulation in attic, etc.