

**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 coffee at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Our Hospitality Team (wearing yellow name tags) would be happy to assist you if you have any questions. If you'd like more information about the church, please fill out the Welcome Card in your pew back and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to a Pastor after worship.

If you would like a **Hearing Assistance Device**, a Deacon will be happy to provide one.

**Nursery Care:** During worship, our trained caregivers welcome children 3 and under to the nursery located on the lower level of this building. Sabrina, Bailey and Linda welcome you and your children.

**Sunday School:** All youth ages PreK-8<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 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.

**Exiting in Case of Emergency:** In the event of an emergency, the front half of the church (nearest the altar) will exit through the two side doors. The back half of the church (nearest the foyer) will exit out the front doors and side ramp. The Deacons will assist those on the lower level to exit out the lower level back doors.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758. 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.

**Social Media:** We regularly take photos for use on social media. If you would prefer you or your child's photo not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.



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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, MARCH 10, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*\* 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**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

"SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" Arr., Sandra Eithun  
**First Parish Handbell Choir**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Pastor Dan Hollis  
Rest in the stillness of perfect peace.

**There is renewal in stillness.**

Be fully present and attentive to the holy in our midst.

**The Spirit swirls around us, engaging us and restoring us!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER" No. 596

**\*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.*)

**GATHERING PRAYER** (*unison*) Rev. Estelle Margarones  
**Holy and mighty God, we praise you for your steadfast presence in our lives and in our world. Help us to be more mindful of your Spirit, particularly as we embark on this Lenten journey. Help us to rejoice at everyday blessings and reflect more purposefully upon Christ's teachings as we travel toward the renewal and the new life granted to us through his Resurrection. We pray this, and the prayer he taught us in His holy name...**

**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** "LORD, FOR THY TENDER MERCIES' SAKE" John Hilton (1565-1607)  
*Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us strength to mend our sinful lives,  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue  
that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.*  
**First Parish Men's Ensemble**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN** "FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE" No. 382

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 18:15-35 N.T. 17 Dianne Goodwin

**SERMON** Rev. Estelle Margarones

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "ROSE OF BETHLEHEM" Lowell Alexander (b.1963)  
**Kathy Mason, soloist**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34 Pastor Dan Hollis

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH" (*twice*) No. 88

**THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN** Rev. Estelle Margarones

**POSTLUDE** Allegro (from *Concerto in A Minor*) Vivaldi-Bach

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my beloved husband, Richard.  
Love is eternal, Love Bev.*



**THIS WEEK**

**Today, Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:15am Hymn Sing  
 9:30am Worship/First Sunday of Lent  
 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** 8am Zumba

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** 6:30pm Women on the Move  
 8:30am Yoga  
 5-7pm Table of Plenty  
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Zumba  
 9am Women's Bible Study  
 5pm Adult Bible Study  
 7pm Search Committee Meeting

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Aerobics  
 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal  
 5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship  
 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Aerobics

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am Worship/Second Sunday of Lent  
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Food, Faith and Fun: Family Worship on Thursdays**

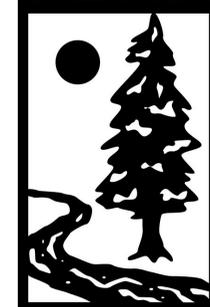
**All are Welcome**

**March Series: Games!**

Join us for food, faith, and fun on Thursdays at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. We'll have a family-friendly evening that features a simple supper, fun activities, excellent music, and faith stories. If you haven't been in a while, come see what's new!

Thursday worship is 5:30-6:50pm in Fellowship Hall.

**CREATION**



**CARE COMMITTEE**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

to be an important part of the newly formed **Creation Care Committee (CCC)** under the Mission Team umbrella. Looking for at least 3-5 people interested in embarking on assisting all of us in becoming a "greener" church. We hope to assess where we are, determine our carbon footprint, focus on raising our collective awareness and educate those affiliated with us and our community and then ACT!

We will ALL be learning together as we embark on this journey.

**Our first meeting will be after coffee hour  
 March 31 at 11:15am**



**HTLC**

**Helping Through Loose Change**

The Stewardship Committee asks you to share your loose change as you leave church and put it in one of the wooden boxes in the Narthex labeled "Helping Through Loose Change." The loose change for the months of March and April will go to benefit Ending 68 Hours of Hunger. The boxes are secure so anytime you go by with loose change you can feel confident the proceeds will go to a worthwhile church ministry.

Name tags help us get to know one another. If you're new to First Parish, we'd be happy to make you a name tag (as it's a greener option than wearing stick on tags each week). Please let our Hospitality Team or a pastor know that you need one.



**Ministers**

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