

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.



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 8, 2020 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

9:15 AM HYMN SING

THE INVITATION God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Pastor Dan Hollis
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.)

Hymn Prelude on "HUMBLY I ADORE THEE"
Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Rev. Estelle Margarones
The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

***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 "GATHER US IN"**

No. 649

GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Pastor Dan Hollis
God of fresh air and new life, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your world. Breathe into us new life, that we may open our eyes to your vision and put our selves to the work of Christ, who taught us to pray...

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

Rev. Estelle Margarones

ANTHEM

"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD" (from *The Crucifixion*)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved. — John 3:16-17*

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-8 N.T. page 81

Linda Drew

SERMON

Pastor Dan Hollis

HYMN "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

No. 492

CALL TO GIVING

Rev. Estelle Margarones

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Meditation C. Hubert H. Parry (1919-1998)

***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 "PASS IT ON"**

No. 557

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Fugue in D Minor Tarquinio Merula (c. 1600-1665)

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



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, March 8th

- 9:15am Hymn Sing
- 9:30am Worship/Lent II

10:45am Creation Care Committee Meeting

11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8am Zumba

6:30pm Fellowship in Action

8:30am Yoga

5-7pm Table of Plenty

6:30pm Assessors Meeting

8:30am Zumba

9:30am Women's Bible Study

5pm Conversations on the Bible

7pm Search Committee Meeting

8:30am Aerobics

6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:30am Aerobics

9am-12noon Leadership Retreat

10am Beach Clean Up

8:30am Hospitality Committee Meeting

9:30am Worship/Lent III

5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 9th

Tuesday, March 10th

Wednesday, March 11th

Thursday, March 12th

Friday, March 13th

Saturday, March 14th

Sunday, March 15th

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



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 or 207-363-3758.

Fellowship in Action: The Doughboy and You, Sunday, March 15th from 4pm-6pm at Dianne Goodwin's Residence, 6 Sixth Avenue, York. Cost \$10 Learn to make quick and easy treats that taste as good as they look. Spinach feta stuffed French bread, mystery B&B pillows and monkey bread. Savory or sweet are just a few of the creations to tempt the taste buds. Reserve a spot, space is limited. Contact Dianne Goodwin at 207-361-7231 or gooddee4u@aol.com.

Creation Care Committee: Meeting today at 10:45am in Fellowship Hall. Please join us. All are welcome.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Unbleached, brown paper towels and napkins are compostable! Gradually get rid of paper towels in the kitchen; use cloth whenever possible.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 5

9:30am – Worship

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 9

7pm - First Parish Church-Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Worship

April 10

7pm – First Parish Church

Easter Worship

April 12

5:45am Sunrise Service Nubble Lighthouse

First Parish Church

9am Worship/Children's Message

Easter Egg Hunt after 9am worship

11am Worship