

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.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE" No. 580

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Estelle Margarones

POSTLUDE Toccata on "ON FILII ET FILIAE" Penfield

Flowers are given in loving memory of Richard J. Shaklik by Cliff O'Connor.



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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, APRIL 7, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
COMMUNION

** Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Attr., J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
 Adagio (from *Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65*) Feliz Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.)

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)* Pastor Dan Hollis

Let us quiet our minds of the busyness of life and focus on what really matters.

**In this place, God's presence surrounds us, God's Spirit fills us,
and Christ's light illuminates us.**

Jesus said “Love God and love your neighbor as yourself.”

With God's grace, we will do unto others as we would do unto Jesus!

***OPENING HYMN** “WE HAVE COME TO JOIN IN WORSHIP” No. 647

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)* Rev. Estelle Margarones
**Gracious, loving God, we come before you today aware that your son Jesus showed us
how to live. We are grateful for the lessons we have learned and those we are still
learning. We confess that we don't always get it right. We aren't always as gracious as
you would have us be. We aren't always as helpful as you would hope. We aren't always
as aware of what goes on around us as you would encourage us to be. Open our eyes and
minds and hearts to see the world as you see it. In doing so, may we be more like Jesus,
in whose name we pray this and all of our prayers.**

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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing that you have done, nor is there anything that you can do, that will separate
you from the love of God. If you have left things undone or unsaid, God's support can help
you do those things. If you have left people, interactions, or situations in a way that doesn't
sit well with you or others; you can make it right. God's grace is sufficient for you. If you
truly seek God's forgiveness-asking for it from a contrite heart-you will be forgiven. That is
assured. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Hollis

ANTHEM “THE CALL” (from *Five Mystical Songs*) Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way as gives us breath;
Such a Truth as ends all strife; Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a Feast;
Such a Feast as mends in length; Such a Strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy as none can move;
Such a Love as none can part: Such a Heart as joys in Love.*

— George Herbert (1593-1633)

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Gospel Matthew 25:31-40 N.T. page 25 Barbara Elkhorn

SERMON Rev. Estelle Margarones

HYMN “AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE” No. 695

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Agnus Dei (“LAMB OF GOD”) setting: Craig A. Penfield
(b.1948)

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

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 14

9:30am – Worship and Church School
Sanctuary Choir

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 18

7pm - First Parish Church
Fellowship Hall

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship

April 19

Noon – St. George's Episcopal Church

Good Friday Worship

April 19

7pm – First Parish Church

Easter Worship

April 21

Sunrise Service Nubble Lighthouse
5:45am

First Parish Church

9am Worship

Easter Egg Hunt after 9am worship

11am Worship

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.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a Deacon to provide one.

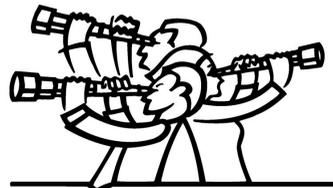
Nursery Care: During worship, our trained caregivers welcome children 3 and under to the nursery located on the lower level of this building. Sabrina, Bailey and Linda welcome you and your children.

Sunday School: All youth ages PreK-8th 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 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.



SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are holding small group sessions during coffee hour today, April 7. Over the next few months we'll be writing the Church Profile to attract candidates for the Settled Senior Pastor position. During this time, we will explore three questions with you: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? Who is God calling us to become? Childcare will be available.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 7th

9:30am Worship/Fifth Sunday of
Lent/Communion
10:30am Search Committee Conversations
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
12noon Creation Care Committee Meeting
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 8th
Tuesday, April 9th

8am Zumba
8:30am Yoga
5-7pm Table of Plenty
6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th

8:30am Zumba
9am Women's Bible Study
5pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Women on the Move-Parlor
7pm Search Committee

Thursday, April 11th

8:30am Aerobics
5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship
6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 12th
Saturday, April 13th
Sunday, April 14th

8:30am Aerobics
8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting
9:15am Hymn Sing
9:30am Worship/Palm Sunday
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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



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SPRING FAITH FEATURES

Food, Faith and Fun: Family Worship on Thursdays

All are Welcome

April Series: Earth/Nature

5:30-6:50pm in Fellowship Hall.

We'll have a family-friendly evening that features a simple supper, fun activities, excellent music, and faith stories.



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

CREATION CARE COMMITTEE

TODAY after Search Committee

Conversations

12noon (light lunch served)

Calling all First Parish Church committees and teams that use the Fellowship Hall Kitchen...

Check out a more efficient strategy for washing the dishes after a church event. This is one way we can walk the walk of our new Creation Care Committee's green mission to take care of our precious and fragile earth! Come to a fun **DISHWASHER TUTORIAL!**

- **What?** A LIVE demonstration of our kitchen's commercial dishwasher – it has a 4-minute wash cycle that cleans and sterilizes!
- **When?** Sunday, April 14, immediately after Coffee Hour
- **Where?** Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- **For Whom?** Anyone who wants to learn; recommended for all committees & teams
- **By Whom?** Dishwasher Aficionados, Don Bernier and Gail Berneike
- **For How Long?** 15 minutes
- **Why?** Handwashing dishes uses more water and energy.

Paper goods are more expensive and contribute to more waste.

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