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-6th 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.

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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, MAY 26, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Psalm 19 ("HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD")
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
Chorale and Chorale Setting on "BLESSED JESUS, WE ARE HERE"
Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

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)*
Our God is a Resurrection God...
We are a Resurrection People!
We live as those in a broken world,
We rejoice at the hope we have because of our restoring God!

***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** "HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?" No. 424

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)*
Mighty God, we thank you for raising Jesus to new life and we thank you for the new life we have through him. You loved humanity even when we were undeserving of your grace. Each time we fall short of your hope, you call us back to be our best selves because we are now in restored relationship. May we continue to be Christ's disciples and may we truly perceive the risen Christ among us. We pray this, and the prayer he first taught us, in his 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

ANTHEM "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" Arr., Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-11 N.T. page 135 Beth King

SERMON

HYMN "SHOUT TO THE LORD" No. 94

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Hymn Setting on "LOVELY"
Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34

***CLOSING HYMN** "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" No. 600

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE March Royale Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-1687)

Flowers are given in loving memory of David Bardwell by his family.

This Week

Today, Sunday, May 26th	9:30am Worship 9:30am Tire Pressure Check 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, May 27th	8am Zumba
Tuesday, May 28th	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 7pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 29th	8:30am Zumba 9am Women's Bible Study 5pm Adult Bible Study 7pm People in Our Neighborhood-Richard Leigh at York Public Library
Thursday, May 30th	8:30am Aerobics 5:30pm-6pm Blessing of the Animals-outside the Fellowship Hall 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 31st	8:30am Aerobics
Saturday, June 1st	8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting 9am Youth Mission Trip-Car Wash 9:30am Youth Group-5/6 grade

Ministers
All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Esteslle 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

On May 30th at 5:30pm, we'll offer a Blessing of the Animals outdoors at Fellowship Hall. Pets are welcome. Stuffed animals, too!

HELP WANTED with recording our Sunday Worship Services. Learn about our new HD cameras and equipment as Bob Myers offers Recording Studio training sessions in the next few weeks. Please contact Bob at 207-351-2769 or FPCstudio180@gmail.com.

Women on the Move
invites you to participate in a
Drum Circle Experience
Sunday, June 9
4:30pm – 6pm
Fellowship Hall
All are invited
$10 per person-drum provided
RSVP
Tricia Gosselin
508-259-3420
trishgoss2@gmail.com

If anyone would like to give flowers for the June 23, Sunday worship service, please contact Martha at marthasgarden207@gmail.com or call 207-363-7344. Thank you!

WEEKLY CREATION CARE TIP
Learn to grow patio veggies in a pot or build a raised bed. Compost your organic waste and use it in your garden.
Source: https://greenamerica.org/blog/regenerative-agriculture-heals-soils-reverses-climate-change
Consider recycling, reusing plastic pots. Environmentally friendly sustainable pots also available. (Source: treadingmyownpath.com)