

*CLOSING HYMN "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD" (*twice*) No. 492

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Estelle Margarones

POSTLUDE Fanfare on "ST. DROSTANE" Penfield

Flowers given in loving memory of my wife, Becky Woodman by her husband.

Flowers given in loving memory of my husband, Jerry Ilaria by his wife.



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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, MAY 5, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

COMMUNION

** Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Meditation Craig A. Penfield (b. 1948)

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

People of God, who is welcome here?

All are welcome here!

Whose house is this?

It is a house of God! We praise God that all may experience extravagant welcome!

***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** "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" No. 603

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)* Rev. Estelle Margarones

Holy Lord God, we have heard you say that all are welcome. In Christ, what was old is new again. Grant us open minds and open hearts so that we may unlearn old habits and relearn your ways. We confess that we sometimes say one thing and do another. We confess that sometimes we let ignorance and fear rule our emotions and actions. Forgive us those times when we didn't do what you would have hoped. Lead us to walk more closely with Jesus so that we may welcome the outsider in our jobs, and in our lives, and in all our interactions. Let your peace surround us now and even in those times when we are uncertain. We pray this, and the prayer Jesus taught, 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 "JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE" Arr., Ed Lojeski
*I am weak but Thou art strong. Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk close to Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be!*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Book of Acts 10:1-17, 34-48 N.T. page112 Gail Gilchrest

SERMON Rev. Estelle Margarones

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Sanctus Penfield

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

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

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.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, May 5th
Monday, May 6th

Tuesday, May 7th

Wednesday, May 8th

Thursday, May 9th

Friday, May 10th
Saturday, May 11th
Sunday, May 12th

9:30am Worship/Communion
8am Zumba
6pm Congregational Care Committee Meeting
8:30am Yoga
5-7pm Table of Plenty
7pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
8:30am Zumba
9am Women's Bible Study
5pm Adult Bible Study
7pm Search Committee Meeting
8:30am Aerobics
5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship
6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (full choir)
8:30am Aerobics
8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting
9:15am Hymn Sing
9:30am Worship
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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.



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

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.



**Become
 Part of
 Our
 Church
 Family**

Guests and Visitors Considering Membership
You are invited to a Hospitality Brunch
Sunday, May 19

10:45 – Noon

New members will be joining on June 9, 2019 during the Worship Service.

RSVP
 Parish Office
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Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

SUMMER CAMP AT PILGRIM LODGE

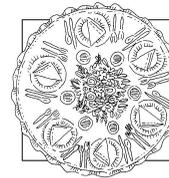
A Special Opportunity

A generous, anonymous donation has been given to the Deacons to be used for camperships to Pilgrim Lodge. The Deacons have decided that the best use would be to pay or heavily defray the cost for children and adults who would not otherwise be able to attend. We would especially like to encourage grandparents or parents and children to attend programs designed for them. However, anyone who would be helped by this offer is strongly encouraged to speak to one of the pastors for the details.

Copies of the Pilgrim Lodge brochure are located in the office and on the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall. You can see a copy on line at www.pilgrimlodge.org or by calling (207) 724-3200.



Congregational Caregiving Meeting: Monday, May 6, at 6PM in Fellowship Hall. If you are part of the Caregiving Ministry (visits, cards, calls, meals), please come. Want to join this team? Please RSVP to Rev. Estelle at Estelle@FirstParishYork.net.



**Supper
 Club**

**KICK OFF SUMMER WITH SUPPER CLUB
 AT FOX'S LOBSTER HOUSE**

Wednesday, May 15th

6PM-8PM

\$30 per person plus \$5 (suggested gratuity)

Complimentary Appetizers and Cocktails. Magnificent Dinner and Home Made Dessert

Dinner Selections are: Fresh Maine Lobster, Maple Glazed Salmon, Baked Fresh Haddock, Lobster Mac & Cheese, Golden Fried Shrimp, or Petite Filet Mignon.

Please pay with cash or personal check at Fox's

For Reservations and Dinner Selection

contact the Parish Office

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FOOD PANTRY, FAMILY SERVICES
 & THRIFT STORE

Thank you to Joy Carl, our "First Thursday" volunteer at YCSA Thrift Store for May. Sign up sheet for "First Thursday Volunteer" (June 6, etc.) is on the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.

An excellent way to spend a couple of hours seeing how the Thrift Store serves our community. Bring a friend!



**Ronald A. Parsons and Diaconate
 Scholarship**

High School Seniors

(who will be attending college in the fall)

Pilgrim Lodge Summer Camp Scholarship

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DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019