

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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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, JUNE 2, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

COMMUNION

** Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Largo (from *New World Symphony*) Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

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

Come in, neighbors from near and far...

We join together to worship our God!

Let us be attentive to Christ's ministry, mission, and message.

We give thanks and praise to Jesus and to those who share His Story!

***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** "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" No. 560

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

Holy Lord God, we come before you today confident in your grace. We are grateful that you call us to be our best selves and we appreciate the second chances when we fall short of your will. We confess that we could always do more to share the good news of Jesus and we pray that you will use us to help set others free through Christ. May we feel your presence here today and throughout all of our days. We ask this in Jesus' name and we share the prayer he first offered...

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 "ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE" Words and Music: Mary McDonald

*At the table. come and dine;
feast on the bread and drink the wine.
Come and meet us at the table of the Lord!
All of God's children, come and sit down,
And glory in the One who wears the crown.*
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:16-34 N.T. page 119 Jan Hansen

SERMON Rev. Estelle Margarones

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Andante Religioso (from *Sonata No. 4*)
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** "THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS" No. 355

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Estelle Margarones

POSTLUDE Fanfare on "AUSTRIAN HYMN" Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Communion flowers are provided by the Esther W. Hungerford Fund.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, June 2nd

9:30am Worship/Communion
11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 3rd

8am Zumba

Tuesday, June 4th

8:30am Yoga
5-7pm Table of Plenty
5:30pm Mission Committee Meeting
7pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 5th

8:30am Zumba
9am Women's Bible Study
5pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, June 6th

7pm Search Committee Meeting
8:30am Aerobics
9am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
2pm YCSA Volunteer

Friday, June 7th

6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 8th

8:30am Aerobics
8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 9th

9:15am Hymn Sing
9:30am Worship/New Members
11am Calendaring Event
1:30pm Youth Group-High School
4:30pm Women on the Move-Drum Circle
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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FAITH FEATURES

Next Sunday we'll be welcoming new members during worship!

Calendar Event (Planning Meeting): Sunday June 9th, 11am-Noon

Please join us for this CALENDARING EVENT where we'll make note of all First Parish summer-September events and possibly even develop new ones! We'll brainstorm ways to work together to amplify our efforts so that we may grow in faith and grow out into the community! For more info, please call 363-3758 or Estelle@FirstParishYork.net.

Women on the Move **Drum Circle Experience**: Sunday, June 9 at 4:30pm-6pm

All are invited! \$10 per person-drum provided. Please RSVP to Tricia Gosselin at 508-259-3420 or TrishGoss2@gmail.com

Search Committee News: Your input into the Search and Call process is critical. You'll soon be receiving a church survey via email and paper copies will also be available. For more information, email search@firstparishyork.net.

Portsmouth Pride: On Saturday, June 22, members and friends of First Parish are invited to march and/or work at the "Welcoming Churches of York" booth along with folks from St. George's Episcopal Church and the York-Ogunquit Methodist Church. We'll be assigned a color to wear and we'll meet at the Portsmouth Public Library at 11:45am. For more details, please call 363-3758 or email Office@FirstParishYork.net.

Children's Sunday: On Sunday, June 23 we'll celebrate our youth! Please join us for this special Sunday when children and youth help lead worship.

Kids Camp is a free program taking place June 25-27 at First Parish. All are welcome--campers are grades K-5 and crew are grades 6-12 in September. Please register through the office at 363-3758 or Office@FirstParishYork.net

Visitation Meeting: All current lay visitors and those who wish to begin making visits are invited to this check-in and skills-building workshop on Wednesday, June 26 at 6pm at the church office. For more information call 363-3758 or email Estelle@firstparishyork.net

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Add native plants to your garden or potted plants. Source: