

**WELCOME GUESTS!** We are grateful you joined us in worship today at First Parish Church. Please fill in the “Invitation” card in our pew pocket, especially if you would like to receive our mid-week e-mail devotional message the “Pastor’s Pen.” Just drop it in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please introduce yourselves to the pastors as you leave the sanctuary or to a member of our Hospitality Team (wearing yellow name tags). Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments and meet our friendly fellow parishioners.

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** All children will remain in church today. Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under. Summer Bags available in the back of the church. Church School will resume in early September.

**TODAY’S GREETERS:** Greeting you this morning are Alan and Nancy Junkins.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us for coffee hour after worship in Fellowship Hall.

**PASTORAL CARE:** We want to provide care for you always, and in particular we hope you will let us know if you or a family member are or will be hospitalized, so we can give you our care. York Hospital, if a patient requests, will call us directly. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, we will know of your hospitalization only if you ask your family member or hospital staff to call us and let us know.

**EXITING THE SANCTUARY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.** The front half of the sanctuary will exit to the front of the church through the two side doors. The back half of the sanctuary will exit to the back of the sanctuary and either out the side ramp, or the front doors of the church. The Deacons will help anyone in the lower level of the church exit out the back doors of the lower level.



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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, JULY 15, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**

*\* Please stand if you are able. All people are invited to read bold face liturgy.*

**PRELUDE**

***Two Hymn Settings***

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME” Arr., Diane Bish (b. 1941)  
“AMAZING GRACE” Arr., Frederick Swann (b. 1931)

**THE INVITATION** God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers, welcomes Jesus himself.

**I am welcome here.**

Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

**You are welcome here.**

Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God’s children will be blessed by God.

**All are welcome here who wish to strengthen faith and increase love for God, self and neighbor. We praise God together.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “HYMN OF PROMISE” No. 515

**\*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.)*

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**Righteous one, to You alone we lift our souls; in You alone we place our trust; for You alone we wait all day long.**

**For You are the God of all grace, abounding in mercy and steadfast love.**

**Help us remain alert and watchful for Your presence with us and with our world. For in all things You are with us as You have promised, if only we trust and have eyes to see.**

**Hear our prayers for this day and all that is in through the words Jesus taught us to pray...**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)**

**Our Father...forgive us our debts...Amen**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “TESTIFY TO LOVE” Field, Pool, Van Manen, and Riekerk  
**Gina Connolly, soprano**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN** “HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD” No. 490

**SCRIPTURE** LUKE 21:29-31 N.T. 74 Karen Peterson

**SERMON** “PREPARED” Pastor Anna V. Copeland

**OFFERING**

God’s abundance pours out like produce at the farmer’s market, overflowing and ripe. As we generously receive from gardens of plenty, so we gratefully give.

**OFFERTORY SOLO** “GOD LOVES YOU” Wayne Kirkpatrick and Mark Meimermann  
**Gina Connolly**

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

All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As You have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts and our lives for Your sake and for the sake of others. Use us, and use these gifts as You will in Christ’s name. Amen

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING” No. 712

**THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. *(Jude 24-25)*

**POSTLUDE** Fanfare on “GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN” *(Austrian Hymn)*  
Arr., Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*We are delighted to have Gina Connolly provide special music for us this morning.*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of our parents and to celebrate our wedding anniversary by Sue and Dennis Wierzba.*

## THIS WEEK

<b>Today, Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Worship/ Special Music by Gina Connolly
<b>Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:45am Storyteller-Ray Mancinelli 8am Zumba 6:30pm Women on the Move-Nan Roberts' residence
<b>Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 7pm Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Zumba 3pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Aerobics 6pm-8pm Summer Concerts on the Green
<b>Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Aerobics
<b>Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10am Casco Bay Boat Cruise
<b>Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30am Worship/Special Music by Diana Parton on handbells 10:45am Leadership Meeting-Fellowship Hall 10:45am Storyteller-canceled



### **Ministers**

*All the Members of the Congregation*

*Leading Worship Today:*

*Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland*

*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*



## First Parish Church Congregational United Church of Christ SUMMER FAITH FEATURES



### **STORYTELLER**

Our Summer Storyteller this morning is Ray Mancinelli. We will be in Fellowship Hall after you get some refreshments. Story starts at 10:45-11:00AM.

20-40 folks have heard stories from John Pendleton, Jim Kences and Liz Blanchard. Our next Storyteller will be Betty Ford on July 29.

Come join us!

Sign up to be one of the storytellers at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.



Thank you for the uptick in requests and in responses to those requests! To date Mission@Home folks have responded to NINE requests since April 23, 2018!

"We live our best lived in community"!

Thank you, church family!

If you are interested in adding your name to the over 50 names in our group email list of potential helpers, put your name, email address and phone in the collection plate this morning or call the church office at 207-363-3758. We are happy to include you.

If you are in need of help; grocery shopping, post hospitalization, light repairs, transportation, etc. please call the church office. Mission@ Home folks may be able to help you out!



### **Helping Through Loose Change**

The Stewardship Committee asks you to share your loose change as you leave church and put it in one of the wooden boxes in the Narthex labeled "Helping Through Loose Change." The loose change will go to the Youth Mission Trip for the next month. The boxes are secure so anytime you go by with loose change you can feel confident the proceeds will go to a worthwhile church ministry.



**Women on the Move-Fellowship Outing**  
**Saturday, July 21, 2018**  
**Bailey Island Cruise in Casco Bay**

*Leaves Portland at 10am returning at 3:45pm*

Cruise to Bailey Island, seeing sights along the way. Enjoy lunch at Cook's Lobster and Ale House and return to Portland enjoying more of beautiful Casco Bay.

This fun excursion is open to everyone. There will be a two hour layover on the island. There is also an optional cruise that explores Casco Bay from the island.

**Bailey Island Cruise: Adult \$26 Senior \$22.50 Child \$12**

**Optional Cruise: Adult \$16 Senior \$14 Child \$7.75**

Informational Flyer available at the Opportunity Table or Parish Office

**Contact Judy Schriefer with questions or to RSVP**

**207-351-8670**

**jdschrief@gmail.com**

**LEADERSHIP MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 22**

**“STATE OF THE PARISH”**

Conversation

10:45am – 12 noon

Fellowship Hall

*light lunch provided*

As we approach my fall departure as your Senior Pastor, this is an opportunity to review what we've accomplished over the past two years in our 20/20 Initiative that led to a new Vision and Mission for our Church. We'll also consider what yet remains as we move into this final year of implementation.

You can also anticipate that our Moderator may take the opportunity to share a brief update on the search process and what you can expect going into the fall.

In times of leadership transition, it is especially important that church leadership communicate well, work closely with one another, and pray together for the future of our church. As I prepare to pass the baton one final time this fall, to an interim pastor who will work collaboratively with Pastor Dan, it will be a joy to gather mid-summer and by the light of Christ set the compass for all that lies ahead.

God's grace, mercy and peace,

Pastor Anna V. Copeland



**Summer Concerts on the Green**  
**Thursdays**

**through August 9**

**6pm – 8pm**

**with Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid**

*with special guests*

Please bring your family, a picnic and blanket or lawn chairs. Concerts begin behind First Parish Church and the town hall with a new stage at 6 p.m. A Free will offering will be taken weekly to support this concert series.

*Rain location First Parish Sanctuary*

*On the Green*