

*CLOSING HYMN "HERE I AM, LORD"

No. 559

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Pastor Anna V. Copeland

POSTLUDE Menuet Gothique (from *Suite Gothique*) Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

Today's music is provided by Sweet Spirit and flutist Meredyth Goss.

Flowers are given in loving memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather from the Studley and Sanidas families.

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).

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 the Diaconate.

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
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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, AUGUST 5, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley (1713-1786)
“I AM JESUS’ LITTLE LAMB” Bruder Choral-Buch, 1784
Setting: Robert Cundick (1926-2016)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Anna V. Copeland

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Dan Hollis

Rejoice:

For God is among us.

Give thanks:

For in Christ we are a new people.

Sing praise:

For we come to worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** “GATHER US IN” No. 649

***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.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Anna V. Copeland

SPECIAL MUSIC “ANGELS CARRY ME HOME” John Purifoy
Sweet Spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN “LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN” No. 457

SCRIPTURES Matthew 21:28-32 N.T. 20 Patricia Gosselin

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE “CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD” No. 373

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO “SHEEP MAY SAFELY GRAZE” (from *Cantata #208*)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Meredyth Goss, flute

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

Abundant God and God of abundance, all that we have can be traced back to you. With this offering we give, not as repayment or bribe, but as a natural response to your presence in our lives. Bless these gifts freely given, that they may serve you as you pour out your spirit upon this church, this community, and the wider world that is yours. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

This communion table is open to all who seek the presence of the Risen Christ. We eat the bread together, as a symbol of our divinely intended unity. We drink the cup individually as a symbol of our divinely intended uniqueness.
(Gluten free crackers are in the middle of the tray)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 5th	9:30am Worship/ Communion/Special Music –Sweet Spirit and Meredyth Goss, flute 10:45am Storyteller-Anna Marie Eggert
Monday, August 6th	8am Zumba 4:30pm Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 7th	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty
Wednesday, August 8th	8:30am Zumba
Thursday, August 9th	8:30am Aerobics 6pm-8pm Summer Concerts on the Green
Friday, August 10th	8:30am Aerobics
Sunday, August 12th	9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship/ Special Music-Esther and Vivan Martindale 10:45am Storyteller-DeDe Cadieux



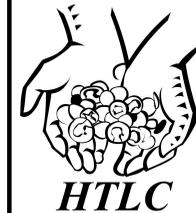
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SUMMER FAITH FEATURES



New summer program! STORYTELLER

Every Sunday through August 26 one of our church family will be spending 10-15 minutes telling us about themselves, their life, their spiritual journey, their greatest accomplishment, etc. We will convene at

10:45AM after worship on the lawn or in Fellowship Hall. Anna Maria Eggert will be the Storyteller today.



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 from the month of August will go to End 68 Hours of Hunger. 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.

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



Save the Date!

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Godspeed Gathering for Pastor Anna and Ellis

Open House from 2 PM to 5 PM

Invitation with Details to Follow



Summer Concerts on the Green
Thursdays
through August 9
6pm – 8pm
with Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid
and 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

RALLY DAY



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, September 9

First day of church school. Begin with worship at 9:30 followed by a light breakfast. Reconnect with friends and make new ones. Come & learn about "The Life of Jesus" through Bible discovery, games, crafts, videos.

Bring a friend!

FIRST PARISH CHURCH FAIRE AT MARKETFEST SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

This is a wonderful opportunity to clean out those once loved items you no longer need or have room for! At the same time, it provides someone an opportunity to purchase an item they really need at an affordable price - and supports the continued good works of First Parish Church!! A 'win' for all!!

ITEMS TO DONATE? NOW through August 26 Please call Sherry McConnell at 363-5494 to arrange for drop off. **Beginning August 27 a Daily drop-off 'schedule' will be provided.**

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Old, collectable items that are in good condition and are desirable because of age, rarity, condition or utility. Jinny Brodsky @ 363-6239

ATTIC TREASURES: Gently used home décor items, glasses, knick-knacks, wall hangings, lamps, vases, candlesticks, dishes, garden decor, etc. (dishes, glasses, etc. – minimum of 4 per set) Sherry McConnell @ 363-5494 or Jill Ouellette @ 351-1125

BOOKS: New or gently used books that appeal to general readership and cookbooks. (Please... No magazines, technical books, encyclopedias, condensed books, videos, etc.) Diana Parton @361-3016

CHILDREN'S SECTION: Children's Books, Games & Puzzles (items must be clean, have all their pieces and be in good condition). Sondra Weaver @ 363-4641 or Susan Mancinelli @ 351-8641

FURNITURE: Used small to mid-size furniture. (under 50 lbs.) Small tables/ chairs, book cases, desks, etc. must be in good condition and easy to handle. Contact Ellis Copeland @ 361-3765

JEWELRY & HANDBAGS: Jewelry – both old and new, fashion, rhinestone, gaudy, clunky, silver and gold (bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings). All Handbags must be clean & in good condition. Jinny Brodsky @363-6239

'TASTE OF HEAVEN' CAFÉ: Homemade soups & hot and cold drinks – enjoy under our tent or to eat 'on the go'. Contact Jan Jonas @363-3180 or Sue Wierzba @ 361-4541.

TOOL SHED: Workshop and garden tools, power tools, small tool benches, antique tools, packaged fasteners, etc. All items must be in working condition, clean and be a manageable size and weight (under 50lbs). George Parton @ 361-3016

PLEASE: NO Electronics or Linens
All Items Must Be Clean and In Good Condition