

Music Notes:

We are delighted to have Aynsley Martindale Fant with us today to offer special music during worship. She is here to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents, Esther and Vivan Martindale.

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 refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Coffee Hour will be hosted by Kay Hamlin and friends today. If you'd like more information about the church, please see the Welcome brochure in your pew back.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

Nursery Care: Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under.

Sunday School: All youth ages 4 through 7th 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 sign out and 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.

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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
RALLY DAY**

** Please stand if you are able*

9:15AM HYMN SING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

People of God, remember your Divine heritage!

We are the body of Christ!

Let us gather in God's presence to listen, to learn, and to live Christ's way.

We follow Jesus and show the world His love.

***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** "GATHER US IN" *(verses 1, 2 and 4)* No. 649

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)*

Loving God, we have come in from many places and many life situations. Help us to feel your presence in our midst. Grant us new awareness of the many gifts and blessings we enjoy. Stir our hearts to compassion and our minds to action. May we live by your will and in doing so, may we shine your light. We pray this in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying ...

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

"SEASON OF PROMISE" Mark Hayes
*Listen to the stillness; new life is stirring.
God is at work; new dreams are on the wing.
Listen to the silence; new hopes are blooming.
God is at work; all life begins to sing!
The old has gone, the new has come.
Awaken, all of God's creation. God is at work.*
—Herb Frombach

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Luke 14:25-33 N.T. page 67 Barbara Elkhorn

SERMON

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD" Chris Rice
Aynsley Martindale Fant, soloist

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

***CLOSING HYMN** "HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS" No. 80

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on "LOBE DEN HERREN" ("PRAISE TO THE LORD")
Max Drischner (1891-1971)

*Flowers are given in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary
by Esther and Vivian Martindale.*

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 8th	9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship/Rally Day 10am Christian Education Breakfast 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, September 9th	8am Zumba 6:30pm Fellowship in Action Meeting
Tuesday, September 10th	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
Wednesday, September 11th	8:30am Zumba 7pm Search Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 12th	8:30am Aerobics 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal 6pm Handbell Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 13th	8:30am Aerobics
Sunday, September 15th	9:30am Worship 10:45am Orientation Brunch 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Estelle Margarones
Pastor 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

Women's Bible Study: Begins Wednesday, September 18 at 9am in the Parlor in Fellowship Hall.

Book Group: Join us to discuss *Soul Talk* by Kirk Byron Jones, Wednesday, September 18 from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Wheeler Room at the York Library. For more info, contact Pastor Dan at 363-3758.

Pumpkin Patch: The pumpkins are coming! They will arrive on Saturday, September 28. Volunteers needed to unload the truck at 9am. The 6th Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week, for four weeks or until the pumpkins are sold. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted.
Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAF23A6F85-fpcpumpkin>

New to First Parish? Come to an Orientation Brunch after worship on Sunday, September 15. Please see Sue Wierzba to RSVP or call the Parish Office at 363-3758.

Fellowship in Action: "The Last Good War: The Faces and Voices of World War II" Join "Fellowship in Action" on Tuesday, September 24, as we visit a special exhibit at The Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, NH! All are welcome, so feel free to invite your friends, too! Carpooling from the church at 9am. To sign up, contact Kathy McQueeney at kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com or 603-380-0598

Save the Date: Sunday, October 6 for a Land Information Session after worship.

Table of Plenty: Our team cooks every 8 weeks. Your next opportunity to be a part of the team is October 22. Contact Janet Cassidy or sign up at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Find helpful links so YOU can be a part of the International Climate Action Weeks this September: un.org, climateweeknyc.org, sdg.iisd.org and ejc.orfalecenter.ucsb.edu. Thank you for deciding to be involved in this effort.