

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

*Living our mission to Nurture the Spirit,
Grow in Community and Help heal the World*

Ingathering Music	<i>This Joy</i> Resistance Revival Choir	Recorded	Reading	<i>Wild Geese</i> Mary Oliver	Rev. Elaine
Ring the Bell		Moe Blanchard	Sermon	<i>We Do Not Have To Be Good- Or Do We?</i>	Rev. Elaine
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha	Hymn #1	<i>May Nothing Evil Cross This Door</i>	
Prelude	<i>Servant Song</i> Richard Gilliard	Una Voce	Offertory	<i>The Gift of Love</i> Hal Hopson	Brenda Franey
Opening Words	<i>Why Church</i>	Rev. Elaine	Closing Words	<i>Sabbath</i> Wendell Berry	Rev. Elaine
Hymn #16	<i>T'is A Gift To Be Simple</i>		Unison Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>We extinguish this Flame, but not the Light of Truth, the Warmth of Community, or the Fire of Commitment. These we carry in our hearts, until we are together again.</i>	
Chalice Lighting & Covenant	<i>Love is the doctrine of this church The quest for truth is our sacrament And service is our prayer This is our great covenant, To dwell together in peace, To seek truth in love, And to help one another To the end that all souls shall grow Into harmony with the divine.</i>		Postlude	<i>I Can't Wait</i> Kieran Kane	Deena, Bob & Brenda
Meditation/Prayer		Rev. Elaine		***** <i>We invite you to light a candle of Joy or Sorrow on either side of the Meeting House during any of the hymns. We welcome the youngest members of our community. Please take pleasure in the voices and rustlings of our new generation. Please turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs and wearing fragrances during service. Thank you.</i>	
Centering Hymn #123	<i>Spirit Of Life</i>				

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