

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering Music  
Traditional Hymn Tune

*Oh Perfect Love*

Jonathan Chatfield

Ringing the Bell

Moe Blanchard

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha

Prelude

*I'll Keep Loving You*  
Bud Powell

Jonathan Chatfield

Chalice Lighting & Covenant

*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.*

Opening Words

from *Emergent Strategy*  
adrienne maree brown

Hymn # 348

*Guide My Feet*

Time for All Ages

*Churching*

Singing the Children Out

*We will keep a place for you wherever you may go.  
We'll sustain this home of faith and love you've come to know.  
Go in peace! Bring hope to hearts that yearn.  
We will keep a place for you 'till you return.*

Erica Baron

Rev. Elaine

John Corrado

Meditation

*Excerpts from Earthseed*  
Octavia Butler

Rev. Erica

Hymn # 299

*Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

Sermon

*Spiritual Leadership in Liminal Times*

Rev. Erica

Hymn # 1064

*Blue Boat Home*

Offertory

*Largo*  
George Frideric Handel

Jonathan Chatfield

Closing Words

*Lovable and Loved*  
Dawn Skjei Cooley

Rev. Erica

Unison Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

*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.*

Postlude

*Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

J.Chatfield

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*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.*

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Rev. Erica Baron

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