

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering Music *Oh Perfect Love* Jonathan Chatfield
Traditional Hymn Tune

Ring the Bell Moe Blanchard

Welcome Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha

Prelude *I'll Keep Loving You* Jonathan Chatfield
Bud Powell

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* Erica Baron
adrienne maree brown

Hymn # 348 *Guide My Feet*

Time for All Ages *Churching* Rev. Elaine

Singing the Children Out John Corrado
*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.*

Meditation *Excerpts from Earthseed* Rev. Erica
Octavia Butler

Hymn # 299 *Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

Sermon *Spiritual Leadership in Liminal Times* Rev. Erica

Hymn # 1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Offertory *Largo* Jonathan Chatfield
George Frideric Handel

Closing Words *Lovable and Loved* Rev. Erica
Dawn Skjei Cooley

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

*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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Unitarian Universalist Church

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Spiritual Leadership in Liminal Times
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