

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

February 10, 2019 10:00 AM

Ingathering Music		Scott Wheatley, piano
Ringing the Bell		Moe Blanchard
Welcome		Gary Desrochers
Prelude	<i>How Can I Keep From Singing</i> arr. by Ellingboe	First Parish Choir
Opening Words	<i>Wild Geese</i> Mary Oliver	Gary Desrochers

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.*

Hymn #346 *Come Sing a Song With Me*

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.

Reading From *It's Never Too Late to Begin Again* Cecily Merrill
Julia Cameron

Centering Hymn #123	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	
Sermon	<i>Creativity: A Birthright</i>	Cecily Merrill
Hymn #1064	<i>Blue Boat Home</i>	
Contemplation	<i>Orange Energy</i> Jennifer Williamson	Gary Desrochers
Offertory	<i>Pure Imagination</i> Bricusse/Newley	Scott Wheatley
Congregational Response #375 (Sing Twice)		
	<i>As saffron trees now capture fire, And memories our hopes inspire; We'll praise imagination's grace – The human heart's best resting place</i>	
Closing Words	From Alan Alda	Gary Desrochers
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>	
Announcements		Gary Desrochers
Postlude	<i>Imagine</i> J. Lennon	Scott Wheatley

We invite you to light a candle of Joy or Sorrow
on either side of the Meeting House during any of the hymns.
Please turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs
and wearing fragrance during service.
Thank you.

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