

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering Music *Twenty Two Fourteen* Recorded
The Album Leaf

Ring the Bell Moe Blanchard

Welcome Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha

Prelude *This Joy* Recorded
The Resistance Revival Choir

Opening Words *We Arrive* Rev. Elaine

Hymn #396 *I Know This Rose Will Open*

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.*

Time for All Ages *Gratitude List* Toben Cooney-Callnan

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 Adapted from *Loving Kindness* Rev. Elaine
Tich Naht Hahn

Centering Hymn #123 *Spirit Of Life*

Reading *This Place in the Ways* Rev. Elaine
Murial Rekeyser

Sermon *Something Spiritual* Rev. Elaine

Hymn #1 *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Offertory *May the Road Rise up to Meet You* Una Voce
Irish Prayer

Closing Words *Long Haul People* Rev. Elaine
Rudy Nemser

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 *Amazing Grace* Richard Burbank

*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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10 AM

Something Spiritual
Rev. Dr. Elaine Peresluha

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Flowers Given by Judy Micoleau in Memory of Emily Micoleau