

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering	<i>Olivet</i> Traditional	Jonathan Chatfield	Meditation	<i>God is Change</i> Octavia Butler	Rev. Elaine
Ring the Bell		Moe Blanchard	Hymn #121	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha	Reading	<i>Falstaff's Catechism</i> William Shakespeare	Derek Campbell
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>		Sermon	<i>The Courageous Church</i>	Rev. Elaine
			Hymn #1017	<i>Building A New Way</i>	
			Offertory	<i>Carol for Winter</i> S. Longfellow / A. Lovelace	Una Voce
			Closing Words	<i>Our Holiest Selves</i> DeReau K. Farrar	Rev. Elaine
Prelude	<i>My Queer Faith</i> Kimayo	Kimayo	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>	
Opening Words	<i>A Power At Work In The Universe</i> Rev. Tom Shade	Rev. Elaine			
Hymn #172	<i>Siph' Amandla</i>		Postlude	<i>Building A New Way</i> Instrumental	Jonathan Chatfield
Time for All Ages	<i>Is Courage Just For People?</i>	Rev. Elaine			
Singing the Children Out		John Corrado			
	<i>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.</i>				

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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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