

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering

Olivet  
Traditional

Jonathan Chatfield

Ringing the Bell

Moe Blanchard

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha

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.*

Prelude

*My Queer Faith*  
Kimayo

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Opening Words

*A Power At Work In The Universe*  
Rev. Tom Shade

Rev. Elaine

Hymn #172

*Siph' Amandla*

Time for All Ages

*Is Courage Just For People?*

Rev. Elaine

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.*

John Corrado

Meditation

*God is Change*  
Octavia Butler

Rev. Elaine

Hymn #121

*Spirit of Life*

Reading

*Falstaff's Catechism*  
William Shakespeare

Derek Campbell

Sermon

*The Courageous Church*

Rev. Elaine

Hymn #1017

*Building A New Way*

Offertory

*Carol for Winter*  
S. Longfellow/A. Lovelace

Una Voce

Closing Words

*Our Holiest Selves*  
DeReau K. Farrar

Rev. Elaine

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

*Building A New Way*  
Instrumental

Jonathan 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. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha**

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