

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering Music

St. Anthony Chorale
Franz Joseph Haydn

Jonathan Chatfield

Ringing the Bell

Moe Blanchard

Welcome

Rev. Norman Allen

Prelude

At This Table
J. Myrin & Idina Menzel, arr M. Huff

First Parish Choir

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.

Land & Labor Acknowledgements

Rev. Norm

Hymn #126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Time for All Ages

We Gather Together

Benjamin Holbrook

Congregational Care

Our Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Norm

Hymn #1055

How Sweet the Darkness

Homily

The Words We Use: "Faith"

Rev. Norm

Cornbread & Cider Communion

Reading

For What Shall We Give Thanks
Rev. Lauren Horton-Ludwig

Jason Shedlock
Josephine Henry-Shedlock

Hymn #1010

We Give Thanks

Offertory

Spirit of Life
Carolyn McDade

Jonathan

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

Hine Ma Tov
arr. Neil Ginsberg

First Parish Choir

You are welcome to contribute to the Offering by texting an amount to **(833) 763-0068**.

A brief set-up process is needed the first time you use this method.

By visiting, you grant First Parish permission to use photographs and/or audiovisual recordings
in which visitors appear for archival, documentary, publicity, advertising, or other purposes.

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.

We invite you to light a candle of Joy or Sorrow
on either side of the Meeting House at any time during the service.

**First Parish Joins with the Member Congregations
of the Unitarian Universalist Association
to Affirm and Promote These Seven Principles:**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Our Seven Principles have their origin in Six Sources, which range from the “direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures,” to “wisdom from the world’s religions,” and “humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science.”

For more information on the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition, visit our website at firstparishportland.org.

If you’re interested in becoming a member of First Parish, please email Membership Coordinator Laurie Hasty at Membership@firstparishportland.org.

Upcoming Events

To see all the upcoming events at First Parish, visit this link:

firstparishportland.org/events/calendar/

Thanksgiving Dinner | November 19th | 11:30am | Parish Hall
Peaceful Harbor Sangha | November 19th | 6:30pm | Meeting House
Breathing & Meditation Class | November 22nd | 8am | Zoom
Pastoral Care Team Meeting | November 22nd | 11am | Classroom



**The First Parish in Portland, Maine
Unitarian Universalist Church**

November 19, 2023

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Music Director - Benjamin Holbrook

Worship Weaver - Marianne Hill

Tech Director - Devon Medeiros, IATSE Local 114

Pastoral Care Presence - Carl Dillard

Flowers by Laurie Hasty & Benson Gray

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Snell Family Farm for the donation of today’s cider.