

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

Ingathering Music      *Road to Hell*      Recording  
Anaïs Mitchell

Ring the Bell      Moe Blanchard

Welcome      Pat Washburn

Prelude      *What Do We Seek?*      First Parish Choir  
Marianne Hill

Opening Words      *Demeter and Persephone*      Pat Washburn

Hymn #333      *Alone She Cuts and  
Binds the Grain*      Benjamin Holbrook

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      *Demeter and Persephone*      Pat Washburn  
Hugh Lupton

Two Poems      *Demeter Speaks / Persephone Speaks*      Pat Washburn  
Magdalena Alagna

Centering Hymn #123      *Spirit of Life*      Benjamin Holbrook

Reading      *The Myth of Demeter and Persephone*      Pat Washburn  
Charlene Spretnak

Sermon      *What Are Your Myths?*      Pat Washburn

Offertory      *#1068 Rising Green*      First Parish Choir  
Carolyn McDade

Closing Words      *From Orphic Hymn 29 to Persephone*      Pat Washburn  
(Translated by Thomas Taylor)

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      *Epic III*      Recording  
Anaïs Mitchell

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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.*

# First Parish Staff and Leaders

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Unitarian Universalist Church

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*Persephone: Teen Queen of the  
Underworld*

Pat Washburn

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