

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
Anaïs Mitchell

Ringing the Bell

Recording

Moe Blanchard

Welcome

Pat Washburn

Prelude

What Do We Seek?
Marianne Hill

First Parish Choir

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
Hugh Lupton

Pat Washburn

Two Poems

Demeter Speaks / Persephone Speaks
Magdalena Alagna

Pat Washburn

Centering Hymn #123

Spirit of Life

Benjamin Holbrook

Reading

The Myth of Demeter and Persephone
Charlene Spretnak

Pat Washburn

Sermon

What Are Your Myths?

Pat Washburn

Offertory

#1068 Rising Green
Carolyn McDade

First Parish Choir

Closing Words

From Orphic Hymn 29 to Persephone
(Translated by Thomas Taylor)

Pat Washburn

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
Anaïs Mitchell

Recording

*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**

***Persephone: Teen Queen of the
Underworld***

Pat Washburn

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