

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

November 4, 2018 10:00 AM

Ingathering Music *Symphony of the Human Genome*
Stuart Mitchell

Ringing the Bell Moe Blanchard

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Christina Sillari

Prelude *Prelude II* Scott Wheatley, Piano
G. Gershwin

Opening Words Rev. Christina Sillari

**Opening Hymn #115 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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.*

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.*

What is DNA? Sarah Collins

Centering Music

Chromosome 1 The Human Genome Project

Sermon

Spiritual DNA Rev. Christina Sillari

Offertory

Traumerei Scott Wheatley, Piano
R. Schumann

**Congregational Response (Sing Twice)

*From you I receive, to you I give,
Together we share, and from this we live.*

**Closing Hymn

Return Again

*Return again, Return again, Return to the home of your soul,
Return to who you are, Return to what you are,
Return to where you are born and reborn again.*

**Closing Words

Rev. Christina Sillari

** 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.*

Announcements

Sarah Collins

Postlude *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*

*When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place.
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

***Standing in body and/or spirit.*

*We invite you to light a candle of Joy or Sorrow
on either side of the Meeting House during any of the hymns.
Please turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs
and wearing fragrance during service.
Thank you.*

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