

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

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

**February 9, 2020 10:00 AM**

Ingathering Music

Ring the Bell

Moe Blanchard

Welcome

Gary Desrochers

Pathways to Connection

Prelude

*By the Still Waters*  
Amy Beach

Scott Wheatley

Opening Words

From Gary Lawless

Rev. Fred Small

Hymn #207

*Earth Was Given as a Garden*

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

Michelle Atwell

*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.*

Centering Hymn #123

*Spirit of Life*

Reading

*The Place I Want to Get Back To*  
Mary Oliver

Rev. Fred Small

Offertory

*Prelude, Op. 28, #15 "Raindrop"*  
Frederic Chopin

Scott Wheatley

Hymn

*Thanksgiving Eve*  
Bob Franke

*"What can you do with your days but work and hope  
Let your dreams bind your work to your play  
What can you do with each moment of your life  
But love till you've loved it away  
Love till you've loved it away"*

Sermon

*Praise Be the Flood*

Rev. Fred Small

Hymn #298

*Wake Now My Senses*

Closing Words

From Lucille Clifton

Rev. Fred Small

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

*Waterfall*  
Jon Schmidt

Scott Wheatley

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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 fragrance during service. Thank you.*

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The First Parish in Portland, Maine,  
Unitarian Universalist

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*Praise Be the Flood*  
**Reverend Fred Small**

*Gary Desrochers - Worship Weaver*  
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