

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

Ringing the Bell

Moe Blanchard

Welcome
Pathways to Connection

Gary Desrochers

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

*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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Praise Be the Flood
Reverend Fred Small

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