

POSTLUDE Recessional on “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”
Setting: Frederick Swann (b. 1931)

(Opening prayer written by Claire Schoepp)

*Flowers are given to celebrate the lives of all our mothers, past and present.
The Cox and Pavlov families.*

WELCOME GUESTS! We are grateful you joined us in worship today at First Parish Church. Please fill in the “Invitation” card in our pew pocket, especially if you would like to receive our mid-week e-mail devotional message the “Pastor’s Pen.” Just drop it in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please introduce yourselves to the pastors as you leave the sanctuary or to a member of our Hospitality Team (wearing yellow name tags). Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments and meet our friendly fellow parishioners.

CHURCH SCHOOL INFO: All children come into church with your family. After the Children’s Message, children will meet their teachers in the narthex. PreK-6th grade will be in the lower level classrooms of Fellowship Hall. After services, parents are asked to come to your child’s classroom to meet their teacher and pick up your children. Please note that on Communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month), Grades 5 and 6 return to the sanctuary to participate in communion with the congregation.

TODAY’S GREETERS: Greeting you this morning are members of our Confirmation Class.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee hour after worship in Fellowship Hall.

PASTORAL CARE: We want to provide care for you always, and in particular we hope you will let us know if you or a family member are or will be hospitalized, so we can give you our care. York Hospital, if a patient requests, will call us directly. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, we will know of your hospitalization only if you ask your family member or hospital staff to call us and let us know.

EXITING THE SANCTUARY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. The front half of the sanctuary will exit to the front of the church through the two side doors. The back half of the sanctuary will exit to the back of the sanctuary and either out the side ramp, or the front doors of the church. The Deacons will help anyone in the lower level of the church exit out the back doors of the lower level.



180 York Street, York, Maine 03909 ♦ 207-363-3758
office@firstparishyork.net ♦ www.firstparishyork.net



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

Welcome

Vision

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to *authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve* all with

Mission

Following the way of Jesus, we celebrate *inspirational worship; create life-changing experiences* for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice *meaningful congregational care*.

While *respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate* for *justice and mercy, and intentionally respond to the needs* of our *community and the world*.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able. All people are invited to read bold face liturgy.*

9:15 HYMN SING

THE INVITATION God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Invitation to Blood Drive - Martha Marshall

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

"A SIMPLE CELEBRATION" Kevin McChesney
First Parish Handbell Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on themes from Psalm 139)*

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go,

And comforts us in times of need. Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

***OPENING HYMN** "LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION" No. 592

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT**

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

(Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.)

GATHERING PRAYER

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.

For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are part of our story as we are a part of Your story.

For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.

For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

Holy One, we thank You for caring for us as a parent, loving us unconditionally yet expecting our best. We pray to be faithful servants, in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray....

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

Our Father...forgive us our debts...Amen

BAPTISM Stéfan Dimtírov Pavlov – born December 6, 2017
son of Natalie Roman Pavlov and Dimitar Stéfanov Pavlov
Sponsors: Teodora Pavlōva, Karen and David Cox and Nathan Cox

ANTHEM "WITH TIMBREL AND DANCE" Margaret R. Tucker
First Parish Handbell Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD" No. 490

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-15 N.T. 174 Julie Alexander

SERMON "READY TO SERVE" Pastor Anna V. Copeland

OFFERING

God's generosity means abundance for all and scarcity for none.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I BELIEVE" Lon Beery

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

I believe in love even when feeling it not.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

—text found on the walls of a Cologne, Germany basement presumably during WW II.

First Parish Men's Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34

All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As You have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts and our lives for Your sake and for the sake of others. Use us, and use these gifts as You will in Christ's name. Amen

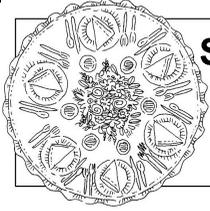
***CLOSING HYMN** "WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE" No. 580

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

Nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

May Your light so shine before all people, that they may see Your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven. Amen



**Supper
Club**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
FOX'S LOBSTER HOUSE
Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:00 PM**

Dinner Selections are:

Fresh Maine Lobster, Maple Glazed Salmon, Baked Fresh Haddock, Golden Fried Shrimp, or Petite Filet Mignon.

SURPRISE, Fun & Fabulous Entertainment!

Tenley Westbrook, a singer-songwriter and worship leader from Portsmouth, NH, will be returning for the 2018 Fox's Supper Club Event on May 23, 2018 6PM with a program entitled "God Bless America". Come celebrate our country and its many blessings and enjoy the fellowship and a delicious meal.

Only \$25 per person plus \$5 suggested gratuity
Please pay with cash or personal check at Fox's

For Reservations and Dinner Selection

contact the Parish Office

207-363-3758

office@firstparishyork.net

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
PROPOSED OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT**

We covenant with God and with one another as members of First Parish Church to be an Open and Affirming Church.

We affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We are one body with many members: people of every age, marital status, family structure, faith background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial and cultural identity, and socio-economic status.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite all into the full life, ministry, and sacraments of the church.

We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

**THE STRENGTHEN
THE CHURCH
OFFERING**

The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-12

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering.

PENTECOST - MAY 20, 2018

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, May 13th

9:15am Hymn Sing
9:30am Worship/ Baptism

Monday, May 14th

8:30am Zumba
5pm Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 15th

8:30am Yoga
1pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
5-7pm Table of Plenty
7pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 16th

8:30am Aerobics
9am Women's Bible Study
5pm **Last** Word of Life-Bible Study
8:30am Aerobics

Thursday, May 17th

4:30pm Willing Voices Rehearsal
5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship
6pm Handbells Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Confirmation Class

Friday, May 18th

8:30am Zumba
6pm 5th/6th grade Youth Group
7:30pm 7th/8th grade Youth Group
9am Memorial Flags-FPC Cemetery

Saturday, May 19th

7pm Confirmation Banquet
9:30am Worship/Confirmation
3pm Seacoast Community Chorus Concert
6pm 9th-12th grade Youth Group

Sunday, May 20th

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

Rev. Dan Hollis

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator

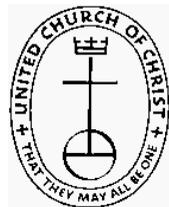
First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Jan Jonas, Moderator

Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



First Parish Church Congregational United Church of Christ SPRING FAITH FEATURES



Day Trip to the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH!

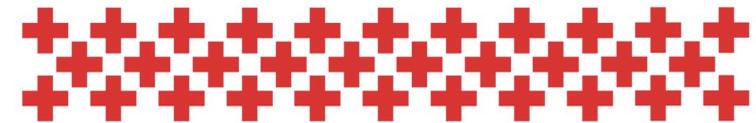
Tour the collection of European and American paintings, decorative arts, photographs and sculpture, including works by Picasso, Monet, O'Keeffe, Wyeth and LeWitt.

When: Saturday, May 19

How: meet at 9am at Fellowship Hall to carpool, expecting to return to York by 6pm. Museum admission: Adult \$15, Senior (65+) \$13, Student \$10, and Youth (13-17) \$5. All are invited (men, women, youth)! Invite a friend! For more information, and to sign up for this trip organized by Women on the Move, please contact Kathy McQueeney at kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com or 603-580-1184.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

First Parish Church
Monday, May 21, 2018

12pm – 5pm

Fellowship Hall

For an appointment
redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767

JOIN US for Thursday Evening Worship 5:30pm – 6:50pm

Informal, Relational, Inspirational – Food for Body and Soul

If you would like to sing with the Willing Voices during worship you are invited to attend their 4:30pm rehearsal on Thursdays.

5:30pm - 5:50pm Supper Served

5:50pm – 6pm Music

6pm - 6:50pm Worship