

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Recessional on “WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING” (*Fortunatus*)
Arr., Lani Smith

We are delighted to have flutist Brian Wood provide special music for worship this morning. Brian is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, the Bow Tie Guys, and past president of Seacoast Community Chorus.

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my son, John R. Stewart by Helen Stewart.
Flowers given I memory of Loved Ones by the King Family.*

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: All children will remain in church today. Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under. Summer Bags available in the back of the church. Church School will resume in early September.

TODAY’S GREETERS: Greeting you this morning are Paul and Gloria Gustafson.

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.



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First Parish Church
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Welcome

Vision

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

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, JUNE 24, 2018 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
NEW MEMBERS**

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

PRELUDE Adagio (from *Flute Sonata in G Major*) G.F. Handel
Musette J.F. Dandrieu
Largo (from *Partita No. 1*) G.F. Telemann
Brian Wood, flute

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS "Telling Our Story" Sandy Nelson

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*adapted from Psalm 32*) Karen Peterson
Let all who are faithful offer prayer to God;
At times of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
God is a hiding place for us;
God preserves us from trouble; God surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.
Steadfast love surrounds you all.
Let us be glad, rejoice, and shout for joy!

***OPENING HYMN** "GATHER US IN" No. 649

***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 Karen Peterson
How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days, in the name of the one who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")
Our Father...forgive us our debts...Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL ANTHEM Cantabile (from *Concerto No. 3*)
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Gail Gilchrest Sponsor: David and Susan Saxton
Patricia Gosselin Sponsor: Diane Goodwin
Barbara Kern Sponsor: Susan Wierzba
Allen Norris Sponsor: Don Schriefer

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN "OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE" No. 480

SCRIPTURE LUKE 15:11-32 N.T. 68 Karen Peterson

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "DANCE OF THE BLESSED SPIRITS"
Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34
Holy One, blessed are you, who entrust to our care and use the richness of creation. Through our offerings, we return to you a portion of that which you have given us. May they be a means of serving you in the mission to which you have called us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "GOD BE WITH YOU" (*insert*)

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, June 24th

9:30am Worship/New Members
10:45am Storytellers-John Pendleton

Monday, June 25th

8:30am Zumba

Tuesday, June 26th

8:30am Yoga

5-7pm Table of Plenty

7pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 27th

9am-12noon Kids Camp

Thursday, June 28th

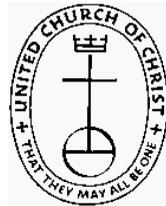
9am-12noon Kids Camp

Friday, June 29th

9am-12noon Kids Camp

Sunday, July 1st

9:30am Worship/Communion/Special Music
by Terrie Ilaria and friends
10:45am Storytellers-Jim Kences



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 FAIRE
AT MARKETFEST
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

This is a wonderful opportunity to clean out those once loved items you no longer need or have room for! At the same time, it provides someone an opportunity to purchase an item they really need at an affordable price - and supports the continued good works of First Parish Church!! A 'win' for all!!

ITEMS TO DONATE? NOW through August 26 Please call Sherry McConnell at 363-5494 to arrange for drop off. **Beginning August 27 a Daily drop-off 'schedule' will be provided.**

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Old, collectable items that are in good condition and are desirable because of age, rarity, condition or utility. Jinny Brodsky @ 363-6239

ATTIC TREASURES: Gently used home décor items, glasses, knick-knacks, wall hangings, lamps, vases, candlesticks, dishes, garden decor, etc. (dishes, glasses, etc. – minimum of 4 per set) Sherry McConnell @ 363-5494 or Jill Ouellette @ 351-1125

BOOKS: New or gently used books that appeal to general readership and cookbooks. (Please... No magazines, technical books, encyclopedias, condensed books, videos, etc.) Diana Parton @361-3016

CHILDREN'S SECTION: Children's Books, Games & Puzzles (items must be clean, have all their pieces and be in good condition). Sondra Weaver @ 363-4641 or Susan Mancinelli @ 351-8641

FURNITURE: Used small to mid-size furniture. (under 50 lbs.) Small tables/ chairs, book cases, desks, etc. must be in good condition and easy to handle. Contact Ellis Copeland @ 361-3765

JEWELRY & HANDBAGS: Jewelry – both old and new, fashion, rhinestone, gaudy, clunky, silver and gold (bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings). All Handbags must be clean & in good condition. Jinny Brodsky @363-6239

'TASTE OF HEAVEN' CAFÉ: Homemade soups & hot and cold drinks – enjoy under our tent or to eat 'on the go'. Contact Jan Jonas @363-3180 or Sue Wierzba @ 361-4541.

TOOL SHED: Workshop and garden tools, power tools, small tool benches, antique tools, packaged fasteners, etc. All items must be in working condition, clean and be a manageable size and weight (under 50lbs). George Parton @ 361-3016

**PLEASE: NO Electronics or Linens
All Items Must Be Clean and In Good Condition**

**FROM THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Gail Gilchrist: My childhood years were spent in Weston and Duxbury Massachusetts. My family was active in the Congregational Churches of both towns. After college, life took me to Pennsylvania where I raised a son and a daughter and enjoyed a 30 year career in higher education at Penn State University. Despite the beauty of central Pennsylvania I've always considered myself a New Englander and am now blessed to be living in York near my daughter, son in-law and two grandsons ages 5 and 7. My hobbies include serving as a docent at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, gardening, reading, kayaking and exploring the beauty of the Maine coast.

Patricia (Tricia) Gosselin: I came to York from Hopkinton, Massachusetts in 2016 to care for my mother for her last year. Staying in York was an option I started to explore. My three sons and two, soon to be three grandchildren live in Central Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I love to walk, hike, kayak, ski and snowshoe. My 30 year career revolved around helping individuals with disabilities reenter or enter the work force for the first time. My best "find" has been the First Parish Church. This community has played a major role in my decision to make York my new home.

Barbara Kern: Last year I moved from Auburn to the Woodbridge Group Home. I feel so fortunate that I felt at home when I first arrived here. The people are warm and welcoming, have a good sense of humor and sincerity. I enjoy movies, magazines, cooking entrees, flower arranging, the Steve Hardy Variety Show, Sunday drives, 70's and classical music, coon cats and pistachio ice cream. I volunteer at the York hospital and the library.

Allen S. Norris: I was married 54 years (1961-2015) to my wonderful wife Elsa and have three great children and six grandsons. I grew up in Pennsylvania and served three years in the U.S. Army. I received my BA from Lycoming College and my MA from American University. I am currently self employed as a recruitment and career advancement consultant. My interests are family, both fresh and salt water fishing and I hope to contribute to First Parish's Mission.



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SUMMER FAITH FEATURES



If anyone would like to donate flowers for the altar during the month of July please call Marie Stuppy at 351-3321 or email Marie at mariestuppy@gmail.com. There are 3 open Sundays.

Altar
Flowers

Message from your Financial Secretary

Starting with this year, we will be departing from our past practice of mailing Pledge Status letters in early July and December and instead, do a single mailing in early September following Rally Sunday. Anyone desiring to know what their pledge donation status is prior to the September mailing can do so at any point in time by requesting that information either by sending an email to finsec@firstparishyork.net or by calling Per Jonas at 207-363-3180. Please be sure to specify in what manner you would like the information sent to you (email or hardcopy).



Can we be of assistance...rides to appointments, food shopping, spring cleanup, broken screen door repair? Your church family is waiting to help!! Call the office and ask! 207-363-3758.

We have been successful at fulfilling 3 requests in the last few weeks!
 Thank you for your requests and your responses!
 Mission@Home team



New summer program! STORYTELLER

Every Sunday beginning today and running thru August 26 one of our church family will be spending 10-15 minutes telling us about themselves, their life, their spiritual journey, their greatest accomplishment, etc. In an effort to get to know each other better we invite YOU to be one of the "storytellers". We will convene at 10:45AM after worship on the lawn or in Fellowship Hall. Jim Kences will be our Storyteller on Sunday, July 1.

Sign up to be one of the storytellers at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.



Women on the Move-Fellowship Outing
Saturday, July 21, 2018
Bailey Island Cruise in Casco Bay

Leaves Portland at 10am returning at 3:45pm

Cruise to Bailey Island, seeing sights along the way. Enjoy lunch at Cook's Lobster and Ale House and return to Portland enjoying more of beautiful Casco Bay.

This fun excursion is open to everyone. There will be a two hour layover on the island. There is also an optional cruise that explores Casco Bay from the island.

Bailey Island Cruise: Adult \$26 Senior \$22.50 Child \$12

Optional Cruise: Adult \$16 Senior \$14 Child \$7.75

Informational Flyer available at the Opportunity Table or Parish Office

Contact Judy Schriefer with questions or to RSVP

207-351-8670

jdschrief@gmail.com



Helping Through Loose Change

The Stewardship Committee asks you to share your loose change as you leave church and put it in one of the wooden boxes in the Narthex labeled "Helping Through Loose Change." The loose change will go to the Youth Mission Trip for the next month. The boxes are secure so anytime you go by with loose change you can feel confident the proceeds will go to a worthwhile church ministry.



WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

JUNE 27-28-29

9 am to noon

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