

\*CLOSING HYMN "AS WATER TO THE THIRSTY"

No. 432

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Voluntary on "OLD HUNDREDTH" Henry Purcell (1658-1695)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of family by Norm and Anne Monks.*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Crosby and Alice Ford  
by their daughter Betty Ford*

**Welcome Guests!** We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in your pew back or at [FirstParishYork.net](http://FirstParishYork.net). You're invited to enjoy refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

**Nursery Care:** Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758 Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. For emergency pastoral care after office hours and on weekends, you may reach one of the pastors by calling 207-358-9776. The pastors are available to make hospital visits and we invite you to let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you ask them to do so.

**Photos and Video:** We regularly take photos and video for use in media. If you would prefer your/your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are across the way in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

**Sunday School:** All youth ages 4 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. After the Children's Message, youth meet up with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers make their way to the Fellowship Hall classrooms. After worship, parents are asked to sign out and pick up children in their classrooms. Guests are welcome to attend Sunday School and we ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the youth make their way over.



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 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, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**

*\*Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

**PRELUDE** Trumpet Tune in D Major David N. Johnson (1922-1987)  
Meditation C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

Disciples of the Most High, what do you seek?

Rev. Estelle Margarones

**God!**

And when will you find it?

**Now!**

Who do you follow?

**Christ!**

And when will you worship Him?

**Now!**

What do you want?

**The presence of the Holy Spirit!**

And when do you want it?

**Now!**

**\*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.)*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "RAIN DOWN" No. 444

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(unison)*

Pastor Dan Hollis

**Holy God, we remember with gratitude that you revealed your glory and presence in the one we call Jesus the Christ. We wait now in prayer for you to reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today. We wait for you to free us from all doubts, and we live in patient hope that you will empower us to act as a people transformed and transfigured into something closer to you to whom we pray...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Estelle Margarones

**ANTHEM**

"BE THOU MY VISION" Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
God of all heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**Meredyth Goss, flute**

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 24:12-18 O.T. page 65

Betty Kehoe

**SERMON**

Pastor Dan Hollis

**HYMN**

"HYMN OF PROMISE"

No. 515

**CALL TO GIVING**

Rev. Estelle Margarones

**OFFERING MUSIC** "HOLY GROUND" Bill and Gloria Gaither

*When I walk through the doors I sensed God's presence,  
When I knew this was a place where love abounds;  
For this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here,  
And we are standing in His presence on holy ground.  
We are standing on holy ground  
For I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now  
For we are standing in His presence on holy ground*

**Gina Connolly, soloist**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

No. 34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!**

## THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Annual Meeting  
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

8am Zumba

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Yoga  
5-7pm Table of Plenty  
7pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30am-8:30am Ashes to Go  
8:30am Zumba  
9:30am Women's Bible Study  
3:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting  
5pm Conversations on the Bible  
6pm Choir Warm Up  
7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Aerobics  
6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Aerobics  
5:30pm Youth Group-grades 5-8

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

10am Beach Clean Up  
9:30am Worship/Lent I/Communion

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

10:45am Creation Care Committee Meeting  
5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



### Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Estelle Margarones

Pastor 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  
**FAITH FEATURES**

**Coffee Hour:** Due to the Annual Meeting today we will not have coffee hour.

**Ash Wednesday:** Ashes to Go 7:30am – 8:30am. Service 7pm.

**Leadership Retreat:** Saturday, March 14, 9am – 12noon. If you serve on a Board or Committee or help with a fundraiser, please come. RSVP to Parish Office at [office@firstparishyork.net](mailto:office@firstparishyork.net) or 207-363-3758.

**Sign Team:** Looking for a FUN volunteer opportunity and a way to help the pastors? Join our newly evolving "Sign Team" to do the manual changing of the church's 2-sided sign in front of the church office. Training joyfully provided. Email Gail Berneike at [berngail@gwi.net](mailto:berngail@gwi.net) or call her at 363-0259 for more details.

**Annual Free Turkey Dinner:** Free to all. Saturday, March 7 at 12noon at St. Christopher's. Volunteers needed: Food-6 Turkeys, 10 pies contact Anne Monks at 774-239-7008. Servers and Drivers contact Janet Cassidy at 207-363-4237 or [cassidywednesday@aol.com](mailto:cassidywednesday@aol.com). To have a meal delivered contact the Parish Office at 207-363-3758 or [office@firstparishyork.net](mailto:office@firstparishyork.net).

**Dine with Nine:** There are two openings left for lunch this Saturday, Feb 29; three openings for our last Dine with Nine dinner on Saturday, March 14. If you're new to our congregation, this is a wonderful way to get to know each other. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Questions?? Linda Drew at [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)

**Creation Care Committee:** Calling all Beachcombers! Please join in a Beach Cleanup on Saturday, February 29 at 10am (note time change). Meet at the Long Sands Bath House with bags, gloves, and small shovels (sometimes the sand is frozen when we find things!) to help in the fun and to help save our beautiful beaches. Every small item we pick up and dispose of will be small steps to preserve our wildlife and precious ocean. Any questions or in case of inclement weather, call Nan Roberts at 978.877.6759.

**Weekly Creation Care Tip:** Beauty products can have ugly effects on the environment. EPA states that recycling just 10 plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop for 25hrs! Since products used in the bathroom tend to have a low recycling rate (recycle bins usually in the kitchen), keep a small receptacle in your bathroom. Oprah magazine (Love the Planet issue) April 2019.