

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune in D Major C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

*Flowers are given in memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather
by the Studley and Sanidas families.*

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. Restrooms are available on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are in Fellowship Hall, next door. Ask a greeter for assistance. 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. Summer Activity Bags available, please ask a greeter.

Sunday School: Sunday School is taking the summer off for school vacation! Youth are more than welcome to stay for the duration of the worship service each week. Sunday School will begin again for all youth ages 4 through 6th grade on September 8th. Please contact the church office to register for the year.

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.

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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, AUGUST 11, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

** Please stand if you are able*

9:15AM HYMN SING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

Hymn Prelude on "SLANE" ("BE THOU MY VISION")

Setting: John A. Behnke

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)* adapted from Psalm 33 Gail Berneike

Our souls wait for the Lord...

God is our help and our shield.

Our hearts are glad in the Lord...

We trust in God's holy name.

We open ourselves to God's steadfast love,

even as we put all our hopes in God's hands.

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT** Pastor Dan Hollis

"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** "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" No. 72

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)*

God of grace, you ask not for sacrifices, but for lives of trusting faith that acknowledge your power and mercy. Visit your people, and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may have faith as deep and strong as the greatest of those who have come before us. Help us to trust in you, and may we see our trust bear great fruit, in the name of the Christ, who taught us to 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.

BAPTISM Abigail Smith – born October 27, 2018
daughter of Andrew Smith and Holly Cande
Emily Sanchez and Miguel Sanchez, Godparents

***COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION** *(unison)*

Into our fellowship of faith, we receive Abigail Smith. We promise to provide a school of Christian learning, personal concern for her spiritual welfare, and examples of charity and devotion. May God's Holy Spirit guide us so that she will come to see this church as her community of faith. To you and to Abigail, we offer our Christian love and support.

SPECIAL MUSIC "MORNING HAS BROKEN" Arr. Jason W. Krug (b. 1978)

Dianna Parton, handbells

Terrie Ilaria, organ

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 N.T. 198 Gail Berneike

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

HYMN "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" *(verses 1, 2, and 5 only)* No. 411

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING" (from *Cantata #147*)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

***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!

***CLOSING HYMN** "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" No. 405



THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 11th 9:15am Hymn Sing
 9:30am Worship/Baptism

Monday, August 12th 8am Zumba
 6:30pm Fellowship in Action Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th 8:30am Yoga
 5-7pm Table of Plenty
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th 8:30am Zumba
 11am Book Group-York Public Library
 7pm Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 15th 8:30am Aerobics

Friday, August 16th 8:30am Aerobics

Saturday, August 17th 7am Beach Clean Up-Long Sands bath house

Sunday, August 18th 9:30am Worship/Music offerings will be provided by Melissa O'Keefe

New Book Group! Join us to discuss *The Life of the Beloved (Sacred Living in a Secular World)* by Henri Nouwen. We'll meet on Wednesdays in August from 11 AM-12 Noon in the Wheeler Room at the York Library. This week (8/14), we'll discuss *Becoming the Beloved (Taken & Blessed)*. For more info, contact Rev. Estelle at 363-3758

Creation Care Committee: Beach Cleanup Saturday, August 17 at 7AM. Meet at the Long Sands Bath House. Bring gloves, a bag/bucket/receptacle and maybe a pokey stick AND a friend! All ages welcome! We spend an hour or so.

Weekly Creation Care Tip Avoid chemical fertilizers and pesticides. They can harm the very organisms (toads, wasps, bees, birds) that protect and enrich your vibrant garden and lawns. They contaminate the groundwater, which has been linked to serious illnesses. Learn organic gardening methods like using compost, organic fertilizers, and companion planting to eliminate the need for chemicals. (Source: Earthshare.org and SustainableBabySteps.com)



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
 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