

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

A Warm & Welcoming Place in the Heart of the City

December 11, 2011 10:00 AM

Chimes

Ringing the Bell

Prelude *No. 3 from 'Five Unison Psalms'* Daniel Burton  
David Bartoletti, piano

Opening Words Reverend Barbara Wells  
Nicole McCarthy

Welcome and Announcements Reverend Christina Sillari

Opening Hymn *Here We Have Gathered* #360

Chalice Lighting *a selection from A Chosen Faith* Ed Schempp  
Joan Stanton

Unison Affirmation

*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.*

Responsive Reading Principles and Purposes for All of Us #594  
Deb Breiner

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123  
Andrew Sawyer, cello

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Christina Sillari

Offering to Support Our Shared Ministries

Offertory *The Swan from Carnival of the Animals* Camille Saint-Saëns  
Andrew Sawyer, cello

\*\*Congregational Response (Sing twice) #402  
*From you I receive, to you I give.  
Together we share, and from this we live.*

**What is a Unitarian Universalist? Bill Adams  
Chris McCarthy  
Leslie Runser  
John Hall**

*with musical interludes by Andrew Sawyer, cello, David Bartoletti, piano,  
and the First Parish Choir singing  
"As The Thirsty Deer At Morning" by Daniel Burton*

Closing Hymn *Break Not the Circle* #323

Benediction Reverend Christina Sillari

\*\*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 We Will Rise Again David Haas  
David Bartoletti, piano

*\*\*Standing in body and/or spirit.*

*Please turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs during our worship  
service. Please refrain from wearing fragrance when attending church.  
Thank you.*

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at  
First  
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Meeting  
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Unitarian Universalist

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**“What is a Unitarian Universalist?”**  
Reverend Christina Sillari  
and  
Voices from the Congregation