

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

A Warm & Welcoming Place in the Heart of the City

January 8, 2012 10:00 AM

Ring the Bell

Prelude *Sheherazade, from Album for the Young* Robert Schumann
David Bartoletti, piano

Welcome and Announcements Anna Allocco

Greeting One Another

**Opening Hymn *Gather the Spirit* #347

Opening Words Reverend Christina Sillari

Lighting Our Chalice

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.*

New Member Ceremony Reverend Christina Sillari

Unison Congregational Words of Welcome and Affirmation

*We welcome and affirm you with joy into the life of this congregation.
We promise you our support and our prayers as we share
in the hopes and labors of this liberal church.
May we share respect and love for one another.
May we walk side-by-side in our quest for a responsible search
for truth and meaning and support one another in our spiritual growth.
May we together create a world where justice,
equality, and compassion are commonplace in human relations.
May we work together as a religious community to create peace.
We welcome you with all of our hearts.*

Singing the Children Out

*Go now in peace
May the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go*

Candles of Joy and Sorrow Reverend Christina Sillari

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

Pastoral Prayer

Offering to Support Our Shared Ministries

Offertory *Inner Workings*
David Bartoletti, piano

**Congregational Response (Sing twice) #402

*From you I receive, to you I give.
Together we share, and from this we live.*

Sermon Hiding Reverend Christina Sillari

**Closing Hymn *Come Sing a Song With Me* #346

**Benediction

**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 *Gymnopédie #1* Erik Satie
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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House

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Unitarian Universalist

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“Hiding”

Reverend Christina Sillari