

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

A Warm & Welcoming Place in the Heart of the City

10:00 AM, March 7, 2010

Gathering Music

Gathering in Community

Ring the Bell

Prelude: *Prayer*

Call to Worship

Lighting the Chalice

**Hymn 44 *We Sing of Golden Mornings*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Unison Affirmation

*Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere;
its temple, all space
its shrine, the good heart
its creed, all truth;
its ritual, works of love.*

Testimonial

A Time for All Ages

Singing Our Young People Out

Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'

Sharing Our Lives

Candle Lighting is an opportunity to share briefly what is in our hearts. Please respect the sanctity of this forum by speaking with kindness and listening with an open heart. By this simple ritual, we strengthen the bonds of love that hold us in community.

Candles of Joy and Sorrow

Centering Song 123 *Spirit of Life*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem: *If I Were A Tree*

Leuchtenberger

If I were a tree, I wouldn't have to move and move. I would stand still and offer shade, a place to rest. "Come, come to me," I would tell you. "I invite you to be. Be who you are. Be there with me." There would be time to listen, there would be time to be friends. Try--close your eyes and feel the sound of holding hands. If I were a tree, a calm tree, would you come to me?

Offering to Support Our Shared Ministries

Jackie Oliveri

**Congregational Response 402

(Sing twice)

From you I receive, to you I give.

Together we share, and from this we live.

Exploration

Hymn 1 *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Reading

Peter Morales

Homilies *Just Different*

Will Saunders and Kitsy Winthrop

Going Forth

** Song 388 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

**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: *Jubilatio*

Vann

**Standing in body and/or spirit.

Please turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs during our worship service. Thank you.

*Worship
at
First
Parish
Meeting
House*



**The First Parish in Portland, Maine,
Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, March 7 at 10:00 AM

Just Different

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