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Worship

at

First

Parish

Meeting

House

The First Parish in Portland, Maine,
Unitarian Universalist

Portland's *Original* Faith Community

Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 AM

Homily

Finding Beauty

by Alex Landry

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Sunday Order of Service can be viewed at:

<http://www.firstparishportland.org/pdfs/OOS.pdf>

the 2009 Annual Report can be viewed at:

<http://www.firstparishportland.org/pdfs/FirstParishAnnualReport2009.pdf>

The First Parish in Portland, Maine

"A Warm & Welcoming Place in the Heart of the City"

10 AM, Sunday, July 19, 2009

Gathering the Community

Prelude "Imperfect Balance" Vardan Ovsepien Gay Pearson pianist

Ringing of the Bell Moe Blanchard

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting Neighbors and Strangers Alike

Centering Moments

Invocation Alexander Landry

No. 682, "Beauty is before me..."

From the Navajo of North America

Lighting the Chalice, the symbol of our Unitarian Universalist Denomination

Opening Hymn, No. 27, "I Am That Great and Fiery Force"

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 the truth in love, and to help one another,

to the end that all souls shall grow in harmony with the divine.

adapted from words by James Vila Blake

Sharing Our Lives

Centering Song, No. 123, "Spirit of Life"

Candles of Joy and Sorrows

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

Silent Candles *An opportunity to signify your joys and sorrows in silence. There are candle stations in the middle of the side aisles.*

A Moment of Silence

Prayer

Offering in Support of our Shared Ministries

Offertory "Corcovado (Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars)" Gay Pearson

Congregational Blessing of the Offering, No. 402,

"From You I Receive"

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

(Sing twice)

Anthem "Inuit Meditation" by Valda May First Parish Choir

Reading

Hymn, No. 94, "What Is This Life"

Homily "Finding Beauty" Alexander Landry

Returning to the World

*Extinguishing the Chalice, No. 456

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.

words by Elizabeth Selle Jones

Choral Blessing, "Whatsoever Things Are Pure & Just"

First Parish Choir

Postlude

Gay Pearson

Please join us in the Parish House for coffee, snacks and fellowship following the worship program. Members of First Parish with Gold Coffee Cups are there to answer any questions about First Parish and our beliefs.

The flowers on the chancel table are donated today by Annie Hile, with support, love and faith for her brother, Alex.

Today's Pianist, Gay Pearson had the great fortune last year of discovering that the innovative contemporary jazz pianist Vardan Ovsepien, who has performed in Portland, lives and teaches in her home town of Newburyport, Massachusetts, at the Musical Suite. She had been feeling stuck and stagnant for years, and after a few lessons she knew he was giving her the direction she needed to achieve new realms and heights. Mr. Ovsepien shows Gay techniques that she had never thought of, much less executed. She finds all the grueling drills are so rewarding!