Living our Mission to Nurture the Spirit,
Grow in Community and Help Heal the World

Ingathering Music	*Ancient Mother/* *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden*	Jonathan Chatfield
Ringing the Bell		Moe Blanchard
Welcome		Kathy Vezina
Opening Words	*Seven Generations* Joy Harjo	Jake Kulaw
Prelude	*May I Suggest* Red Molly	Una Voce
Chalice Lighting & Covenant		Jake

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.

Land & Labor Acknowledgements		Meret Bainbridge & Kathy
Hymn #1069	*Ancient Mother*	Singing the Journey
Congregational Care	Our Joys and Sorrows	Brenda Franey
Hymn #123	*Spirit of Life*	Singing the Living Tradition
Reading	*Ndakinna/Our Land* Joseph Bruchac	Kris Minister
Sermon	*Our Common Flow:The River We Belong To*	Michael Shaughnessy
Offertory	*Penobscot River Song* (recording) Gabriel Paul	Leigh Neptune

Closing Words — *Praise the Rain*, Joy Harjo — Kathy, Brenda, Congregation

Praise the rain; the seagull dive
The curl of plant, the raven talk—
Praise the hurt, the house slack
The stand of trees, the dignity—
Praise the dark, the moon cradle
The sky fall, the bear sleep—
Praise the mist, the warrior name
The earth eclipse, the fired leap—
Praise the backwards, upward sky
The baby cry, the spirit food—
Praise canoe, the fish rush
The hole for frog, the upside-down—
Praise the day, the cloud cup
The mind flat, forget it all—
Praise crazy. Praise sad.
Praise the path on which we're led.
Praise the roads on earth and water.
Praise the eater and the eaten.
Praise beginnings; praise the end.
Praise the song and praise the singer.
Praise the rain; it brings more rain.
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Unison Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice — Kathy

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.

Closing Hymn #1007 — *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul* — Singing the Journey

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By visiting, you grant First Parish permission to use photographs and/or audiovisual recordings in which visitors appear for archival, documentary, publicity, advertising, or other purposes. We welcome the youngest members of our community.
Please take pleasure in the voices and rustlings of our new generation. Please turn off cell phones and refrain from taking photographs.

We invite you to light a candle of Joy or Sorrow
on either side of the Meeting House at any time during the service.

First Parish Joins with the Member Congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association to Affirm and Promote These Seven Principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Our Seven Principles have their origin in Six Sources, which range from the "direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures," to "wisdom from the world's religions," and "humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science."

For more information on the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition, visit our website at firstparishportland.org.

If you're interested in becoming a member of First Parish, please email Membership Coordinator Laurie Hasty at membership@firstparishportland.org.

Upcoming Events

To see all the upcoming events at First Parish, visit this link:
firstparishportland.org/events/calendar

Newcomer Coffee| June 2 | 11:30 am | Parish Hall Upstairs
LGBTQIA+ Chalice Group | June 2 | 11:30 am | Jr.Classroom
Film Screening | June 2 | 12:30 pm | Parish Hall
Community Dinner | June 2 | 5 pm | Community Room
Book Club | June 4 | 7:00 pm | Zoom
MGMC Rehearsals | June 5 | 6 pm | Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsals| June 6 | 7 pm | Meeting House

The First Parish in Portland, Maine
Unitarian Universalist Church

June 2, 2024, at 10 AM

Our Common Flow:The River We Belong To

Michael Shaughnessy

Director of Religious Exploration - Molly Juhlin
Jonathan Chatfield - Keyboard Artist
Worship Weaver & Readers - Kathy Vezina, Brenda Franey, Meret Bainbridge, Jake Kulaw, Kris Minister
Tech Director - Devon Medeiros, IATSE Local 114
Ushers - Poppy Hiser, Parks McKinney, Meret Bainbridge, Joan Stanton
Pastoral Care Presence - Anne Heminway
Flowers today provided by Parks McKinney

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