

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in the back of the seat in front of you, or at www.firstparishyork.net.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building, which is accessed by stairs in the foyer. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found across the drive in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings look like.

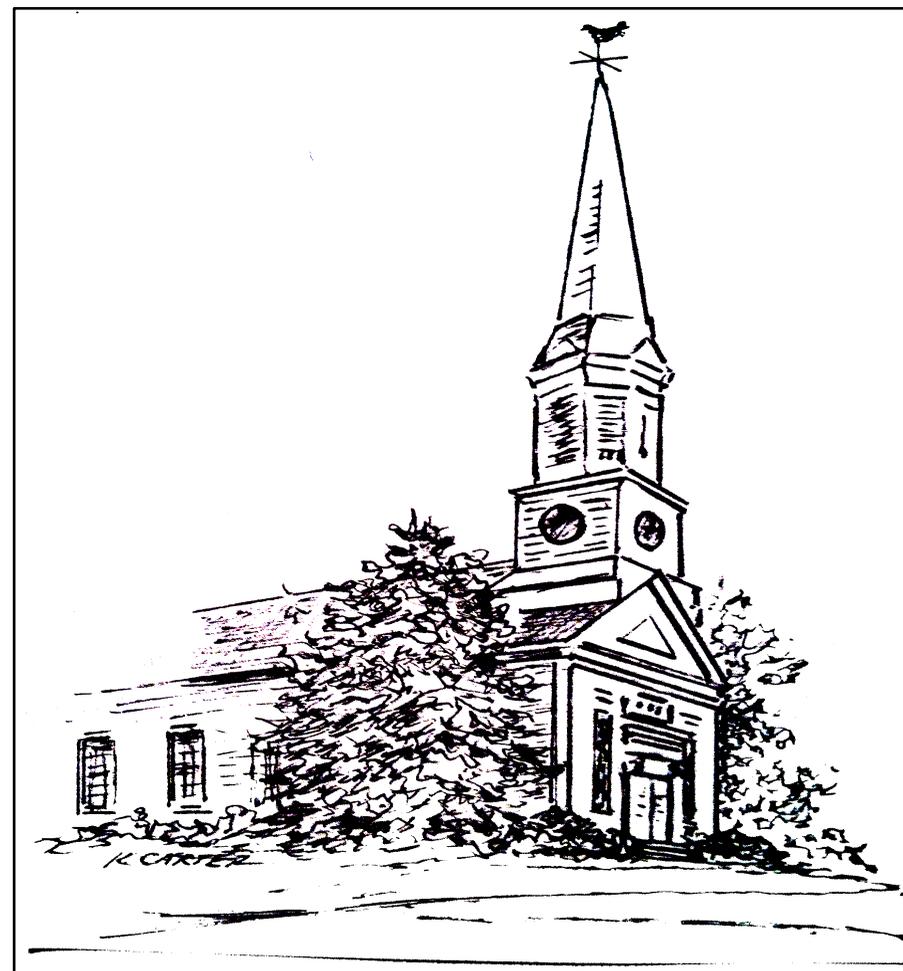
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Sunday School: During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to attend Sunday School. We ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the children make their way outside. Partway through Sunday services, children are invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way to the Fellowship Hall to take part in fun and faith-based activities centered around a theme from the Bible. (Family members are always welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) After worship is over, families can go across the drive to sign out their children with the teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

**No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here!**

We covenant with God and with one another as members of First Parish Church to be an Open and Affirming Church. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We are one body with many members: people of every age, marital status, family structure, faith background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial and cultural identity, and socio-economic status. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite all into the full life, ministry, and sacraments of the church. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.

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Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, My rock and my
redeemer. Psalm 19:14

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

**Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

PRELUDE Rondeau (from *Sinfonies de Fanfares*) Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)
Aira (from *Concerto No. 12*) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 106*) Rev. Eric Dupee

L: Give thanks because God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

P: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare our Maker's praise?

L: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

P: Come and give thanks! Praise the Lord!

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

"CHRISTIANS, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP" Arr., Lloyd Larson (b.1954)

First Parish Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER (*Words by Harry E. Fosdick*) Rev. Dan Hollis

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour. We ask this in Christ's name, in whose name we pray...

LORD'S PRAYER (*together*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART" No. 113

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dan Hollis

(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Message for All Ages.)

ANTHEM "LEAD ON, ETERNAL SOVEREIGN" Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Words: Ernest W. Shurtleff/ Music: Gustav Holst

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;

loud rings your cry for freedom, your call for peace this day.

*Through prayerful preparation your grace will make us strong
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.*

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear.

For in each human conflict your words of strength we hear.

That when we serve with gladness you will not let us fall.

Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

and all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace.

Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free

to love and serve each other for all eternity. Alleluia!

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-9 N.T. 175

Phil Woodman

SERMON "Focus On the Good"

Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE"

Arr., Cindy Berry (b. 1949)

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** (*together*) No. 34

You are free to sing inclusive lyrics (below) or traditional lyrics (from the hymnal).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!" No. 342

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.

However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.

Flowers are given in loving memory of Ellen Dawson. "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life." by Mary Oliver Love Stu



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 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
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 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
 6pm So. Maine for Racial Justice-Asylum Seekers
Thursday, October 19th 8am Zumba
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The Pumpkin Patch: *Pumpkins are here!* Volunteers needed in the Pumpkin Patch. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted. No experience necessary. Check your calendars now! Chris Briley, Richard Leigh, Bob and Joanne Myers
Sign Up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAF23A6F85-2023#/>

From the Deacons: Book Stipend for 1st year, 2nd Semester College Students
 Members of First Parish Church who are 1st year college students in their 2nd semester of study are eligible for a “one time” book stipend from the Diaconate. The amount allotted will be determined by the Deacons after reviewing the applications. Applications available www.firstparishyork.net or in the Parish Office or email office@firstparishyork.net **Deadline November 30, 2023**

Daisy’s Children Fiesta!: **Sunday, October 29 at 2pm at First Parish Church in Saco.** Maria Elena, the woman who is “on the ground” in Honduras running Daisy’s Children with the local assistance of Sharon Beckwith, see the Mission Moment with Sharon in the First Parish Video Archives on 12/11/2022, will be at our church on 10/29 and speaking briefly in Fellowship Hall after the service. She also will be the special guest of the York Association of UCC churches on 10/29 at 2 pm at First Parish Church, 12 Beach Street, Saco. She will be speaking in more detail at that time. All First Parish members are welcome at that celebration.
 Contact Philip Drew for more info: 207-351-8141 or p.l.drew79@me.com

One Warm Coat: Donations of clean, gently used and new coats will be accepted **Sunday, December 3, 2023** as you arrive for worship at 10 am outside the front entrance of the church. A community collection will also be held **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 10am-11am.** During the Food Pantry Drive in front of the Parish House.
 For more information or to volunteer to help collect and sort contact Cindy Bufithis, Mission Board co-chair cbufithis@mac.com Donated coats will be distributed throughout York County by York County Community Action

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