

**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](http://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](http://www.youtube.com). 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.

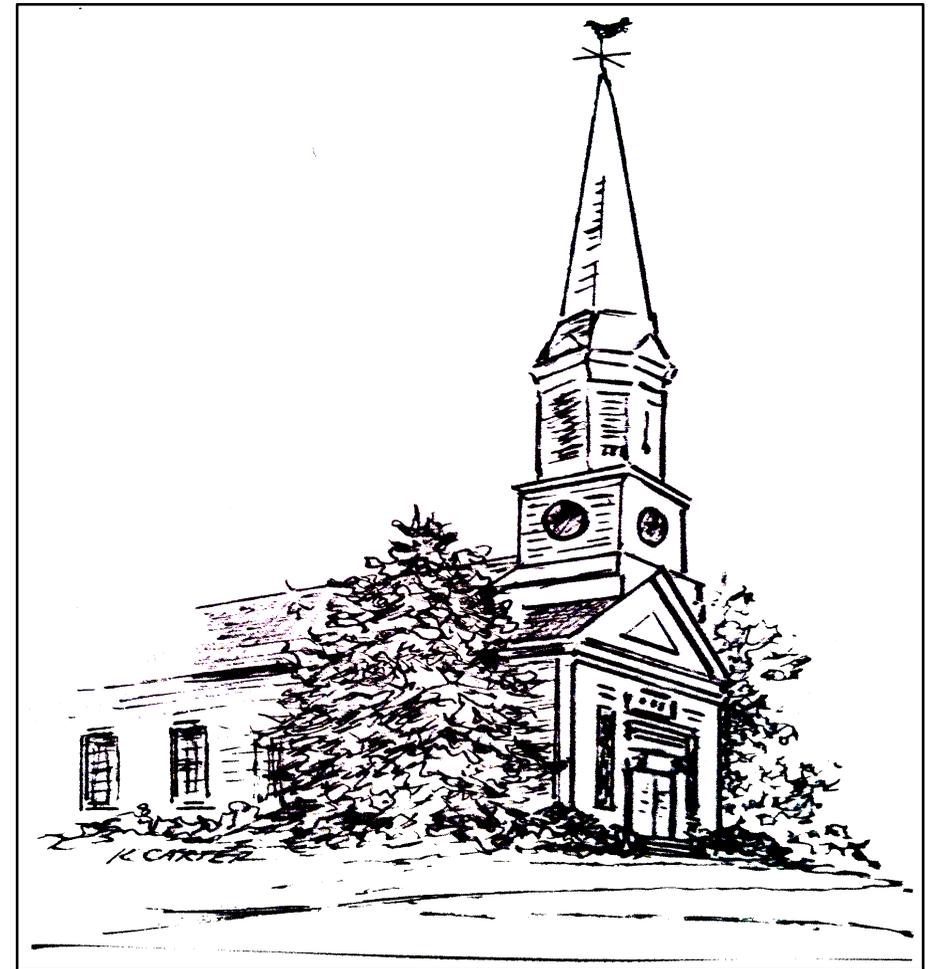
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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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**First Parish Church  
Congregational  
United Church of Christ**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 ~ 10AM WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE** Festive Trumpet Tune David German (b. 1954)  
Meditation on "BEACH SPRING" Setting: Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Dan Hollis

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**  
*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*  
**Holy One, we lift our eyes to you in hope and awe. Grant that we may reject all apathy of spirit, all impatience and anxiety, so that with persistence we may strain again and again to seek your justice, in the name of the one who taught us to 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** "WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE" No. 580

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

*(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** "SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART" Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)  
*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
As my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.  
Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought and word and deed may my living bring you glory.  
May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.*  
-- Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**  
**Meredyth Goss, flute**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 32:22-31 O.T. 28

**SERMON** Pastor Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "OH, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS"  
Arr., Carol Tornquist (1945-2022)  
**Terrie Haria, piano**

*(Please sign and pass the maroon fellowship pads on the center aisle of each pew, look at the names as they are passed back and forth and greet one another after the service.)*

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOR" No. 464

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Voluntary *(The Prince of Denmark's March)*  
Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673-1707)

*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 by the Flower Committee in loving memory of  
Reverend Doctor Wilbert Gough who is sadly missed by all church members.*



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**FAITH FEATURES**

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We will depart First Parish Church at 10am sharp, expecting to return to York by 4:30 pm. We will stop for lunch at the Puritan Backroom, another Manchester treasure, particularly famous for its special chicken tenders recipe! Click on this link to see the full menu: <http://www.puritanbackroom.com/> For more information contact Pat Smith at 207-590-1554 or [psmith50@maine.rr.com](mailto:psmith50@maine.rr.com) by October 16. All are welcome, so invite your friends!

**Coffee Hour:** We're looking for people to sign up to bring goodies to share during our fellowship time. These can be store bought or homemade. The sign up poster is available each Sunday near the coffee table. Please contact Linda Hart with your questions. 363-4493

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 11:15am Discussion Group-Don't Worry Video Discussion

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5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 8am Zumba

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Fellowship in Action  
 8:30am Yoga

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Deacons Meeting  
 8am Strength Training  
 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom  
 6:30pm Caregiving Ministry

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

8am Zumba  
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 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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8am Aerobics

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10am Worship/Handbells will provide a musical offering  
 11:15am Discussion Group-Linda Drew, Creation Care Committee, Chair  
 3pm Confirmation Class



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