

**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/@firstparishyork](http://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.

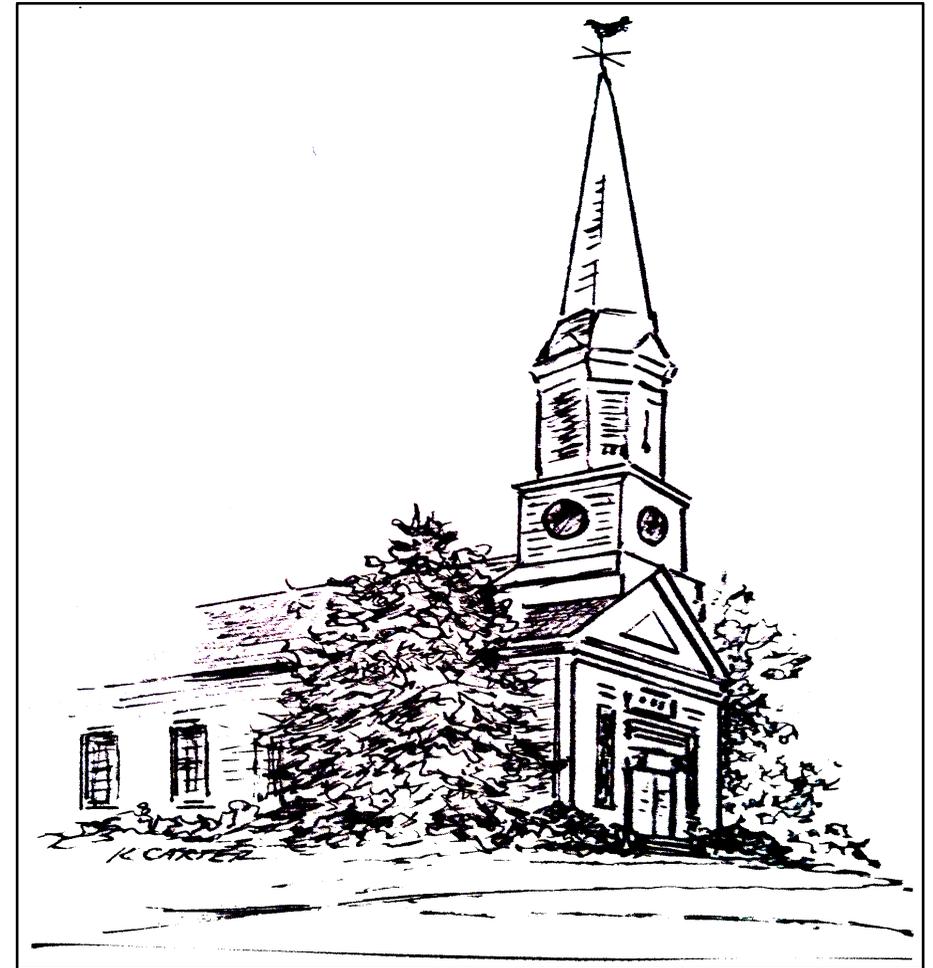
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP  
COMMUNION**

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

**PRELUDE      Two Hymn Settings    Arr., Cindy Woods Berry (b.1949)**  
    "COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY"  
    "JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** *(together)*                      Rev. Eric Dupee  
**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!**  
**Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!**  
**Rise and shine and (*clap once*) give God your glory, glory!**  
**Children of the Lord.**

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

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*                                      Rev. Dan Hollis  
**God of grace and God of glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that your name may be glorified in all the earth. For Christ's sake, 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**    "WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU" *(verses 1-3)*    No. 110

*(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Opening Hymn.)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ANTHEM**                      "YOU ARE THE SALT AND LIGHT"    Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)  
*You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.  
Go to the world and give it flavor. Go with the light and let it shine.  
What good is the salt if it loses its flavor?  
What good is the light until it shines?  
One tiny bit of salt can change all the flavor.  
A tiny point of light can pierce the darkness.*  
    -- based on Matthew 5: 13-16

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir  
Rob Finch, guest conductor**

**SCRIPTURE**              Matthew 5:13-20    N.T. 4              Phil Woodman

**SERMON**                      "Identity Protection"                                      Rev. Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**    "PEACE LIKE A RIVER & KUM BA YAH"  
    Arr., Jean Anne Shafferman (b. 1953)  
    **Meredyth Goss, Susan Gough,  
    Karen Lynge, Kathy Mason**

*(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  
*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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity, then we drink from our cups individually as a symbol of our individual relationships with Christ.  
(We serve grape juice, not wine, and have a pre-sealed option as well as gluten free crackers available in the center of the bread trays.)

\*CLOSING HYMN "GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE" No. 518

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** "JESUS SHALL REIGN" arr. Carol Tornquist

*We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.  
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.*

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[www.yorkreadyforclimateaction.com](http://www.yorkreadyforclimateaction.com)

[www.yorkecohomes.com](http://www.yorkecohomes.com)

[www.inflationreductionact](http://www.inflationreductionact)

<https://sealed.com/resources>

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11am Birthday Brunch  
12noon Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am Shake It Up  
6:30pm Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>st</sup>** 8:30am Yoga  
9am Buildings & Ground Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** 8am Strength Training  
9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom  
4pm Personnel Committee Meeting

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** 8am Zumba  
5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal  
7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** 8am Aerobics  
6pm Youth Group-grades 5-8  
Annual Reports Due  
4pm Inquirers Gathering

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