

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.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

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.

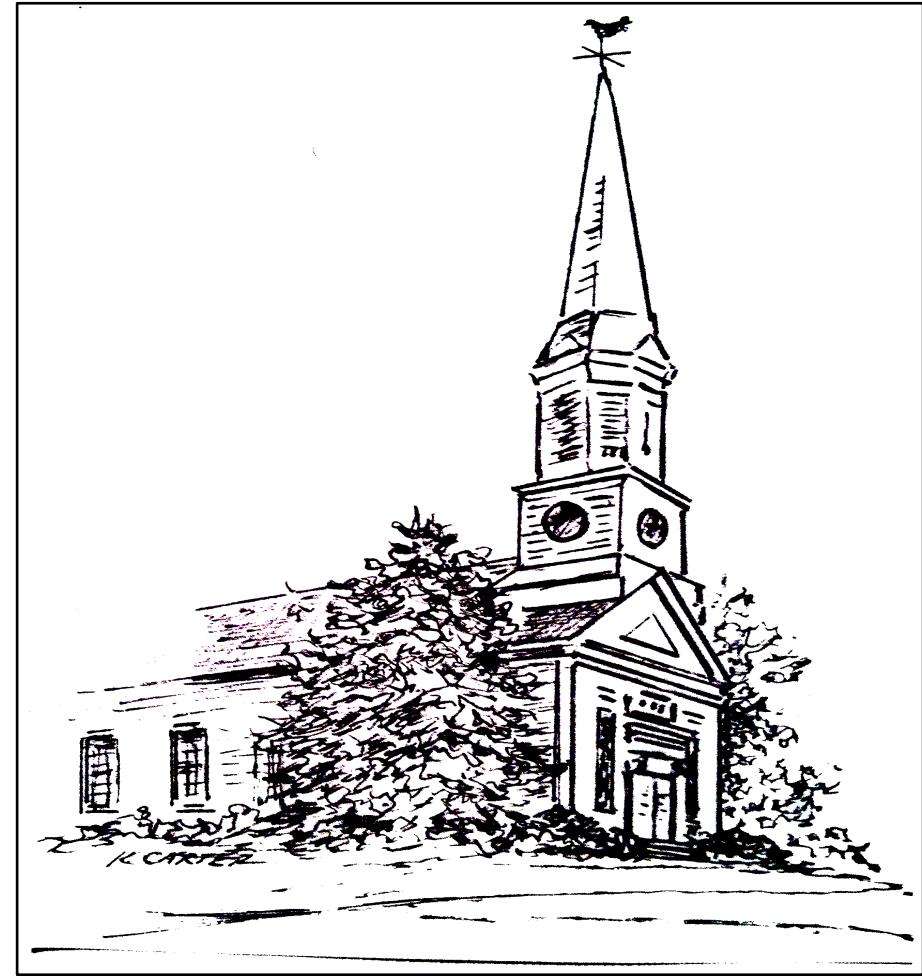
Nursery Care: *Our nursery is temporarily closed.*

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on 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. Until further notice, *masks are required for all students and teachers while inside.* If you have any questions about the masking and distancing protocols practiced by First Parish's youth programs, please do reach out to Pastor Dan or any of our Sunday School teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at (207) 363-3758, or send an email to eric@firstparishyork.net or dan@firstparishyork.net. The pastors are also available to make hospital visits, and we ask that you let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you explicitly ask them to do so.



**First Parish Church
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SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

9:15AM HYMN SING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dan Hollis

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

Hymn on Prelude on "HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT!"

Setting: Dale Wood (1934-2003)

GATHERING PRAYER (together)

Rev. Eric Dupee

Loving God, you promise light and salvation in the midst of darkness and despair; you promise redemption to a world that will not listen. Gather us to yourself in tenderness, open our ears to listen to your work, and teach us to live faithfully as people confident of the fulfillment of your promises. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us this prayer...

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 "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY" No. 71**

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

"LORD OF THE DANCE" Shaker Hymn Tune

Arr., Larry L. Fleming (1936-2003)

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.
I danced for the scribe and the pharisee.*

But they would not dance and they would not follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on a Friday when the world turned black;

it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone. But I am the dance and I still go on.

Then they cut me down and I lept up high. I am the life that will never, never die.

I will live in you if you live in me, I am the Lord of the dance, said He.

First Parish Vocal Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27 O.T. 466 Pat Smith

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS A Lenten Psalm ("LENTEN MEDITATION")
Craig A. Penfield (b. 1948)

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

***CLOSING HYMN "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" No. 72**

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 ("THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD")
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

*Flowers are provided by the Flower committee in celebration
of the First Parish Church family.*



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10:45am Music Board Meeting

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6:30pm Fellowship in Action

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