

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.

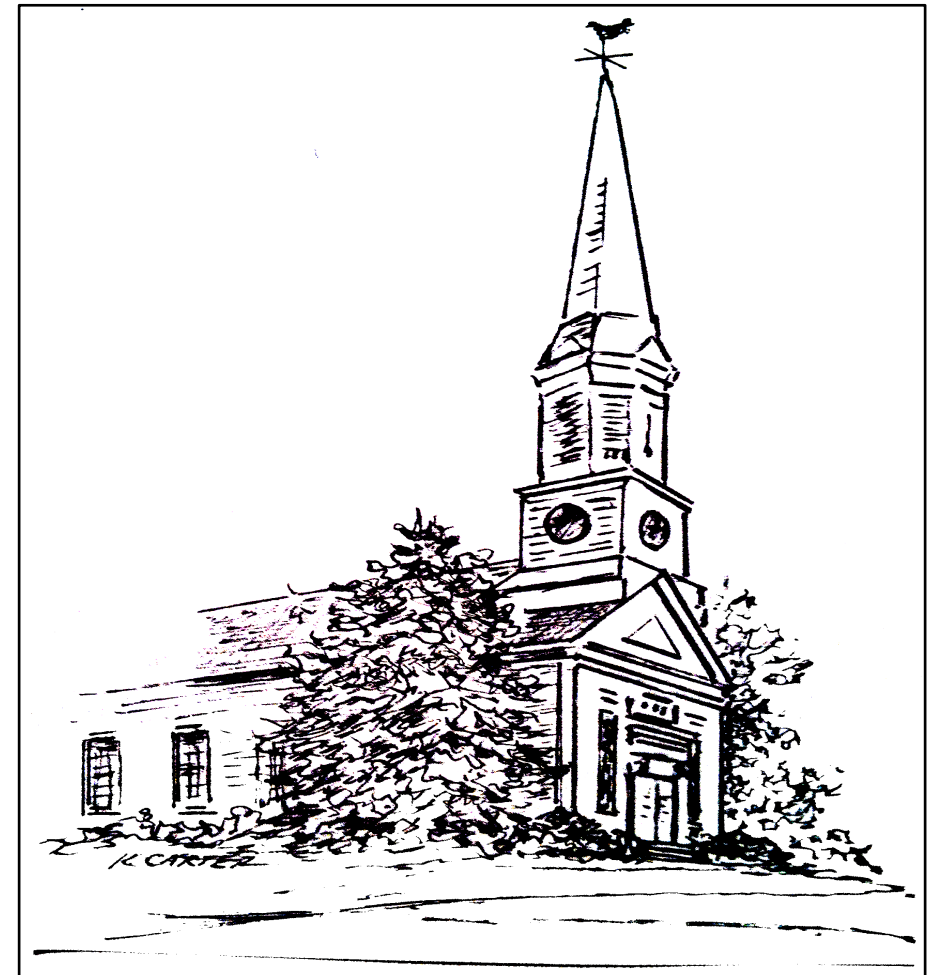
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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

**“In the world you face persecution. But take
courage; I have conquered the world!”
John 16:33**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT AND PALM SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE “THE PALMS” Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)
 Meditation for Palm Sunday Alphonse Mailly (1833-1918)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

L: Today, as every day, God wakens our ear,

P: That we might hear as those taught by Jesus.

L: Today, as every day, God quickens our tongue,

P: That we might speak and praise as those taught by Jesus.

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Hosanna in the highest!

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Pat Smith

Almighty God, thank you for gathering us in. Let the palm branches we see and hold in our hands be for us signs of Christ's victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may live as though his victory is also ours. Following Jesus as the way that leads to eternal life, 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 “HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA” No. 267

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

“NOW SING WE ALL HOSANNA!”

Words and Music: Nancy Price and Don Besig

Lift your voice this festal day. The Savior enters in, prepare His way.

Wave your branches high, raise your banner to the sky!

Lift your voice in praise to Christ, our King! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Greet Him now with praise, our joyful anthems raise.

Sing we all hosanna in the highest!

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40 N.T. 72 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON “Even the Stones Will Shout!” Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “THE HOLY CITY” Stephen Adams (1841-1913)

Nathan Cox, Shawn McCartee, Rob Finch, Jim White

*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 “ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR” *(verses 1-3)* No. 265

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “HOSANNA!” (Fanfare on *St. Drostan*)

Arr., Craig A. Penfield (b. 1948)

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 my beloved husband, Richard.

Love is eternal. Love, Bev

Flowers are given in loving memory of his wife, Roberta from Chick Willing.



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Today, Sunday, March 24th 10am Worship/Lent VI/Palm Sunday
 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 25th 8:30am Shake It Up
 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th 8:30am Yoga
 3pm Wreath & Greens Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 27th 8am Interval Training
 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
 4pm Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 28th 8am Zumba
 6pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (warm up)
7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29th 8am Aerobics
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Saturday, March 30th 11am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal with brass

Sunday, March 31st **6:15am Sunrise Service-Nubble Light**
 8:45am Sanctuary Choir warm up with brass
10am Worship/Easter
11am Easter Egg Hunt



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Instate Mission Opportunity: Calling all springtime campers, join the FPC team of supporters of Pilgrim Lodge in the Spring clean up days Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27. I'm not sure what special tasks they may have for us this spring but I have a call into the staff for details. Gary Goss told he was loving that belt sander and wondered if they had another 15 or 20 benches to clean up! Check out the pictures on the Pilgrim Lodge web site under Work Day Schedule.

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