

**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](https://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.

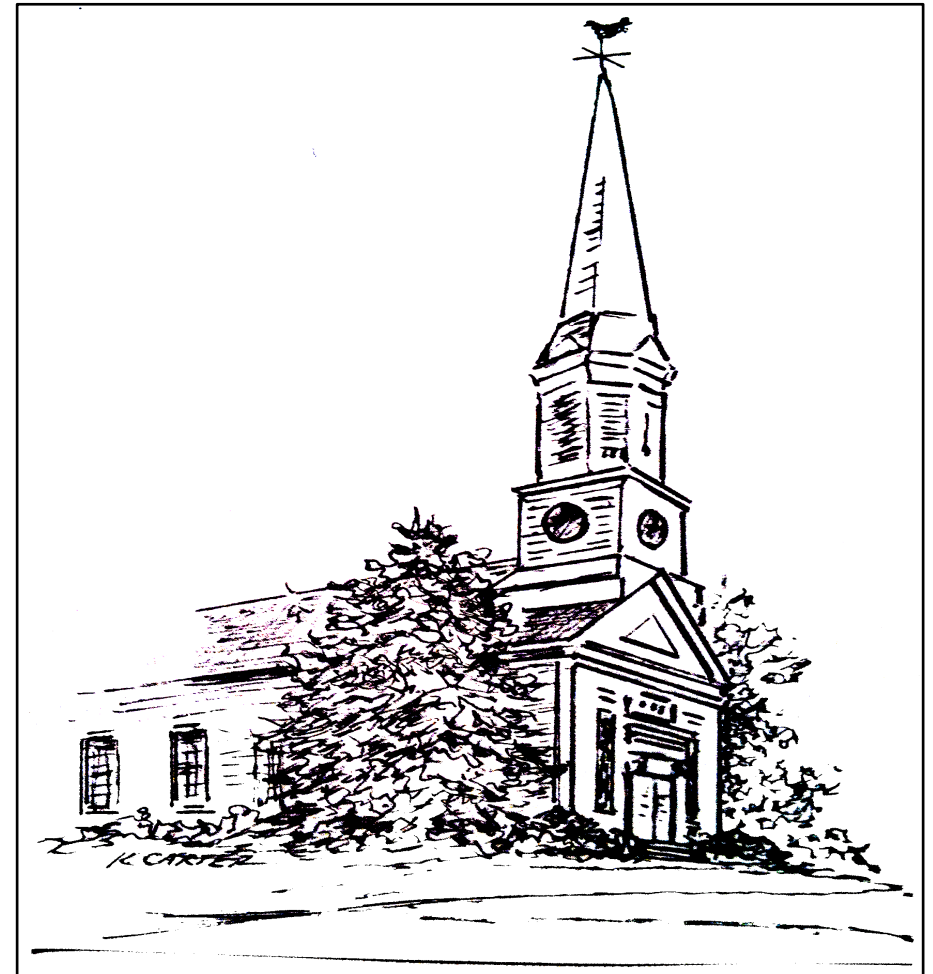
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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  
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United Church of Christ**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Trumpet Voluntary	Gordon Young (1919-1998)
	Prelude on “AVE VERUM CORPUS”	W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dan Hollis

**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  
**God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you promised to forgive. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to gladness, bring life to our dry bones and weary souls, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**    “SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT” (*sing twice*)    No. 134

## 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**

"OUT OF THE DEPTHS" John Carter (b. 1930)

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attuned to the voice of my supplication.  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
There is forgiveness with you, O Lord, that you may be feared.  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is steadfast love.*

-- Psalm 130 (adapted)

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**SCRIPTURE**      Ezekiel 37:1-14    O.T. 762                      Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** A Lenten Psalm Craig A. Penfield (b. 1948)

*(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. 359

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND” No. 728

## CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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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**Sign-up deadline is April 15, 2023.** For further information contact Philip Drew at 207-351-8131 or 518-391-9753 or [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)

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