

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.

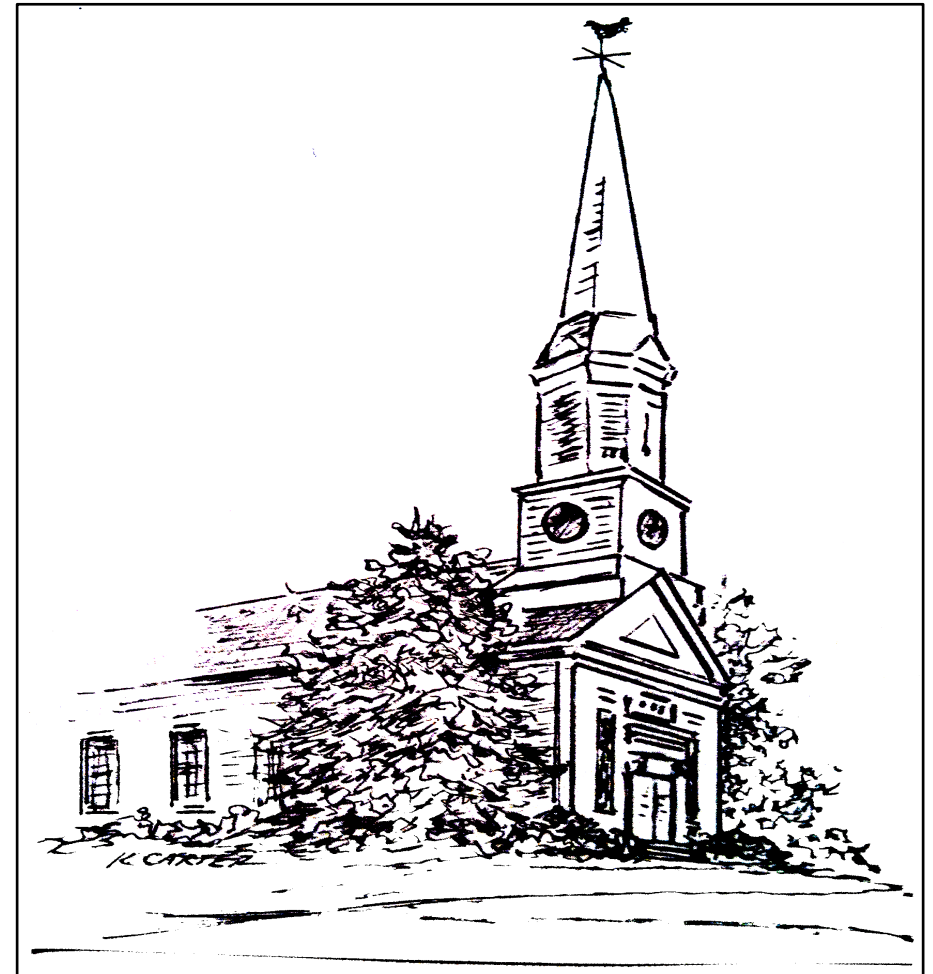
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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**

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” Scriven and Converse, arr. Tom Fettke
“MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE” Norwegina Folk Melody, arr. Tom Fettke

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. Phil Woodman
Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true, in 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** “ALLELUIA No. 1” No. 291

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Eric Dupee

(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 "COME FOLLOW ME" S. Albrecht and J. Althouse
First Parish Vocal Ensemble
Meredyth Goss, Susan Gough, Karen Lynge, Kathy Mason

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:3-9 N.T. 205 Phil Woodman

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE” A.J. Gordon, arr. Tom Fettke

(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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING” No. 748

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH” John Hughes, 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.*

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my husband, David Ott
from Eileen.*



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Wednesday, April 19th	8am Strength Training 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm Deacons Meeting
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Friday, April 21st	8am Aerobics
Saturday, April 22nd	1pm York Association Super Saturday
Sunday, April 23rd	10am Worship



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All the Members of the Congregation

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