

**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.

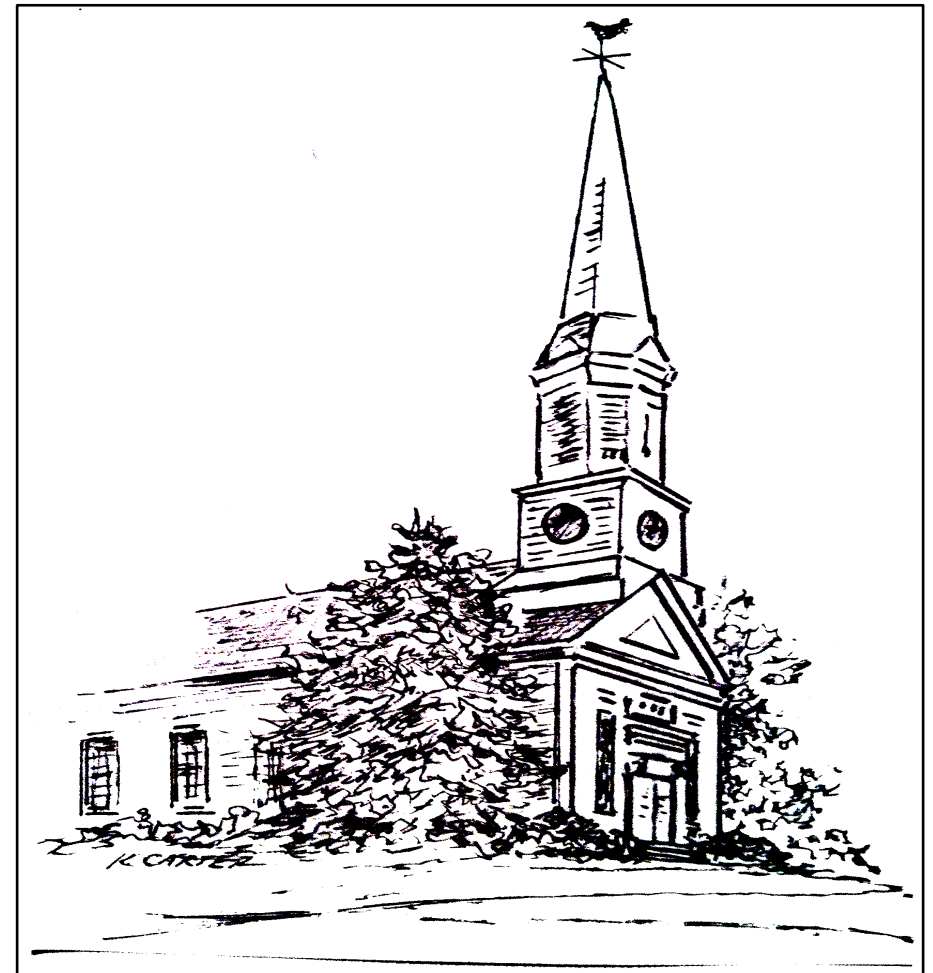
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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, APRIL 2, 2023 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP  
PALM SUNDAY AND COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE      “THE PALMS”      Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)  
                 “THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS”      Edward Broughton (1934-2015)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP      Rev. Eric Dupee  
L: It’s spring and a good time for emerging and arising.  
**P: It’s Holy Week and a good time for changes and life-altering decisions.**  
L: As the snow recedes we see life altering all around us.  
**P: Crocuses appear, coloring and brightening the soggy grass.**  
L: Let our worship remind us about whom we serve, and whose we are.  
**All: Amen!**

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ’s light in the world.)*  
                 “PALM SUNDAY GLORY”      Arr., Sharon Elery Rogers (1929-2022)  
                 **First Parish Handbell Choir**

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*  
**Today, O Lord, help us both recall and reclaim the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, lest our shouts of glad hosanna betray the Christ who came. Hear us, as we are bold 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      “ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR” *(verses 1-3)*      No. 265

*(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      "BLESSED IS HE"      Tom Fettke (b. 1941)  
                 *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
                 Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King!  
                 "Hosanna, loud hosanna," that ancient song we sing.  
                 For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.  
                 O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice.  
                 And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.*  
                 **First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

SCRIPTURE      Matthew 21:1-11      N.T. 19      Shawn McCartee

SERMON      “The Purpose of Conflict”      Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS      “THE HOLY CITY”      Stephen Adams (1841-1913)  
                 **Nate Cox, Rob Finch, Shawn McCartee, Jim White**

*(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

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      “HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”      No. 267

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE      Hosanna! (Fanfare on *St. Drostan*)  
                 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 Edward Novak on his birthday  
                 from his daughter, Elaine Finkowski.*



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## FAITH FEATURES

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**Attic Treasures Sale:** A Reuse and Recycle Event **Saturday, June 24.** Please save your treasures for June 24. Suggested donations include: household items, wall hangings, jewelry, glassware, lamps, china, collectables, and small furniture (20lbs. or less). Drop off dates will be announced in May. **Please stay tuned for more information will follow.**

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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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3pm Confirmation Class

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8:30am Shake It Up  
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9am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

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