

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.

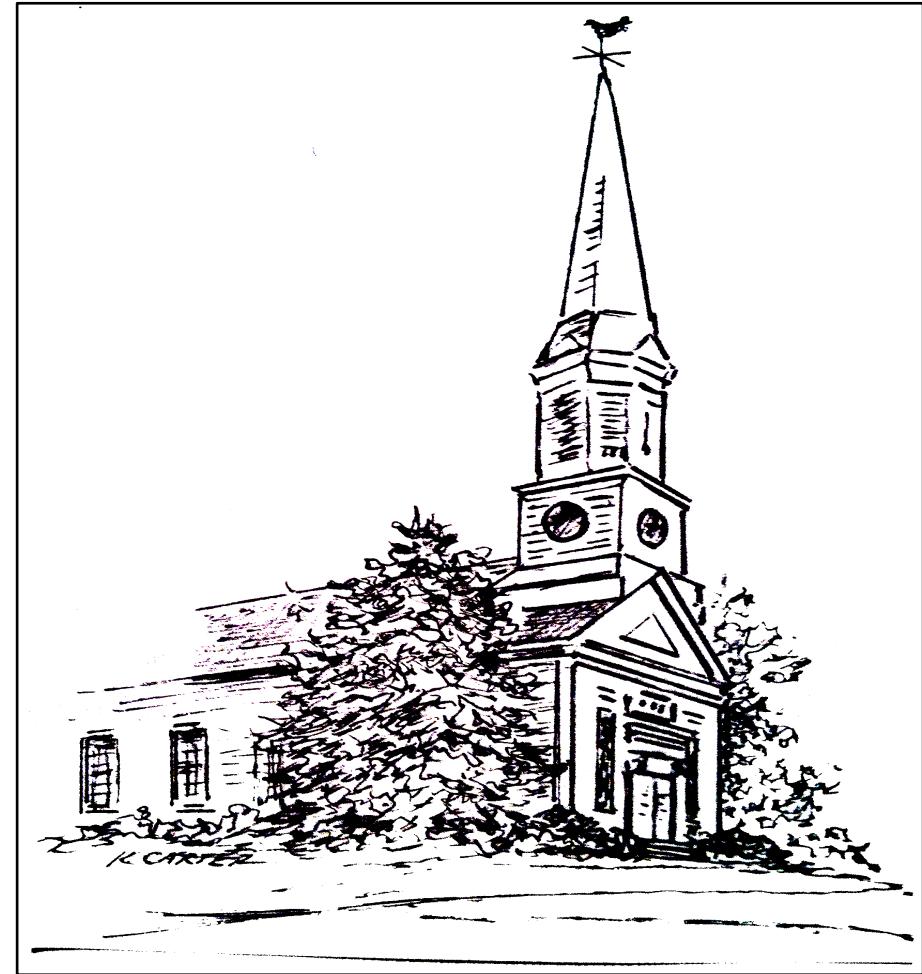
Nursery Care: *Our nursery is temporarily closed.*

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. 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
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION**

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

PRELUDE Two Hymn Settings

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME” Arr., Diane Bish (b. 1941)
“JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT” Arr., Dale Wood (1934-2003)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eric Dupee

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

GATHERING PRAYER (together)

Pastor Dan Hollis

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose for our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus and 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 “CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES” No. 91**

(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)

ANTHEM “UBI CARITAS” Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)
(translation of Latin text)

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:1-9 N.T. 111 Phil Woodman

SERMON “Spirituality Is Not For Wimps” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “REMEMBER ME” Stan Pethel (b. 1950)
*Remember me when you come together.
Celebrate new life you’re been given.
Ever my children with you I’ll be. Just remember me.*

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(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

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 “BLESSED ASSURANCE”** No. 426

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Fanfare on “GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”
Arr., Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Communion flowers are provided by the Esther W. Hungerford Fund.



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5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8am Zumba

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3pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
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