

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.

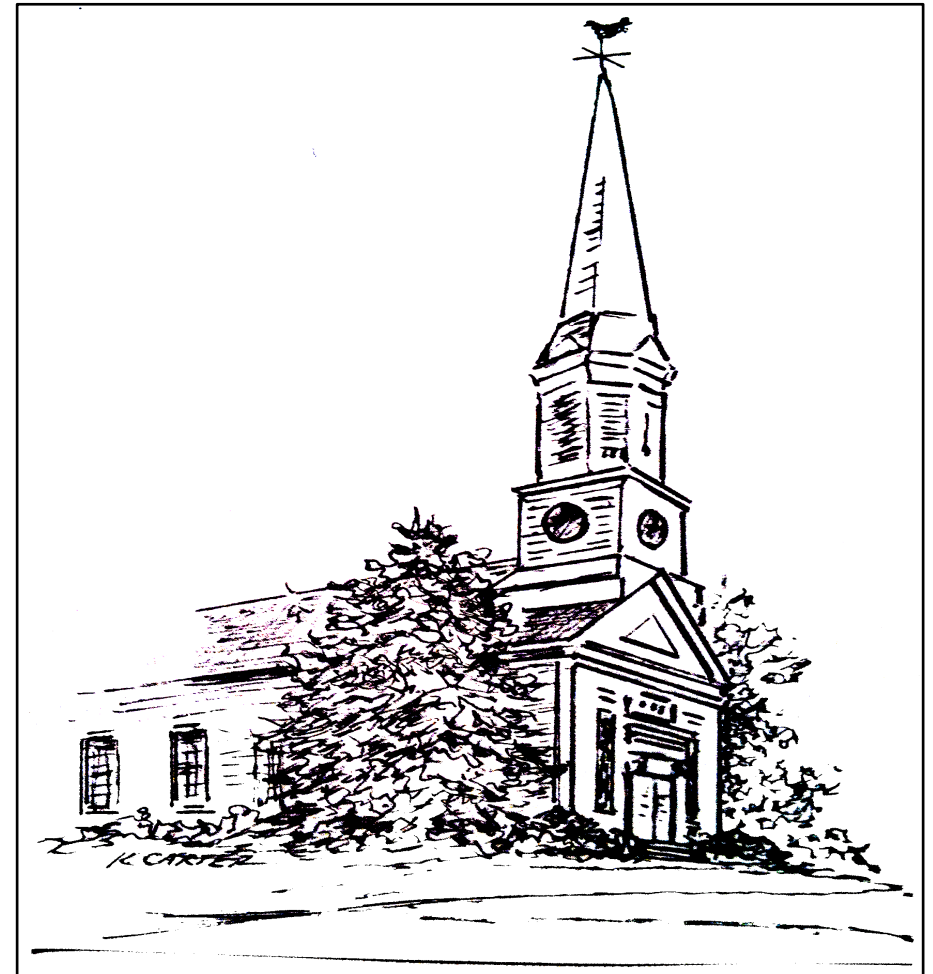
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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, MAY 14, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP
MOTHER’S DAY

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dan Hollis

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

"AVE MARIA" (“HAIL MARY, MOTHER OF GOD”)

JS Bach/Charles Gounod

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

Phil Woodman

Creator God, you invite us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures. Receive our prayer this day, O God, and transform us, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do, so that your realm will come to fruition in the glory of 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** “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING” No. 358

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

"CHRIST LIVES ON" Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)

*Lord, you saw their desperate eyes, you watched their broken lives,
with compassion you made them whole. So Lord, send us out to show your grace,
and share a warm embrace as your Spirit heals the human soul.
Christ, live on through our lives, through our words, everything we do.
Christ, live on through our hands, through our feet as we follow you.
Come and send us out and this will be our song: "Christ lives on!"*

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pat Smith

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-31 N.T. 120

Phil Woodman

SERMON

Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "IF YE LOVE ME" Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter.*

That He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth.

I will not leave you comfortless.

-- John 14:15-17

(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** “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE” *(verses 1-2 only)* No. 48

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Rev. Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Richard E. Frey

*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 Russell and Lillian Meier
from their daughter Terri Ilaria.*

Flowers are given in loving memory of my wife, Becky Woodman by Phil Woodman.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14th	9:45am Hymn Sing 10am Worship/Mother's Day 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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Tuesday, May 16th	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, May 17th	8am Strength Training 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
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Saturday, May 20th	7pm Confirmation Banquet
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All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

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Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

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9am – 2pm

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WHERE: Fellowship Hall lower level (entry is on the left side of Fellowship Hall)

SUGGESTED GENTLY USED ITEMS

Home Decor items, wall hangings, jewelry, glassware, china, lamps, antiques, collectables, jewelry, small furniture, etc. – you get the idea!
(all items must be clean and in good condition.)

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