

**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).

**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.

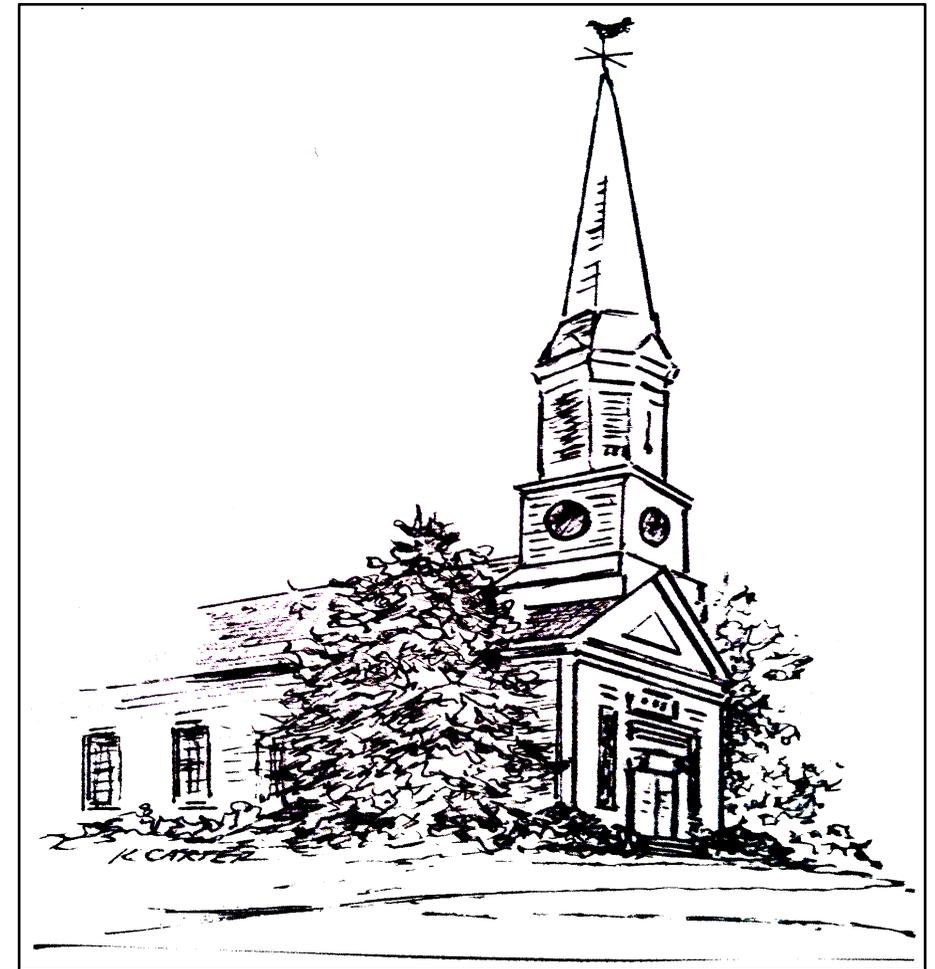
**Nursery Care:** *Our nursery is temporarily closed.*

**Video and Streaming:** We stream our worship services live and archive them on [www.youtube.com](http://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](mailto:eric@firstparishyork.net) or [dan@firstparishyork.net](mailto: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.



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**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**  
**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

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

**PRELUDE** LARGO (from *New World Symphony*)  
Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor 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  
**One God in three, whose Trinitarian nature reveals you to be deeply relational, deliver us from our false independence. Connect us with the whole of creation. Make our doors wide enough to welcome all people. Draw us closer to you through our worship and through our discipleship of Jesus Christ, who taught his followers 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" *(verses 1-3)* No. 358

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Duncan Leith  
Jennifer Leith  
BettyAnn Mayer  
Scott Nelson  
Betsy O'Keefe  
Sheryl Pike  
Diane Shultis Sturgis  
James White

**\*CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME** *(unison)*

**We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

*(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Reception of New Members.)*

**SOLO** "HOMEWARD BOUND"  
Words and Music: Marta Keen  
**Leslie Gianmanco, soprano**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** John 13:31-35 N.T. 94 Betty Kehoe

**SERMON** "Defined By Love" Pastor Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "PANIS ANGELICUS" César Franck (1822-1890)  
*May the Bread of Angels  
Become bread for humankind.  
The Bread of Heaven puts  
All foreshadowings to an end.  
Oh, what a miraculous thing!  
The body of the Lord will nourish  
the poor, the servant, and the humble.*  
**Leslie Giammanco and Nathan Cox**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** *(together)* No. 34

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS" No. 595

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Marche Romaine  
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)



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