

**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.

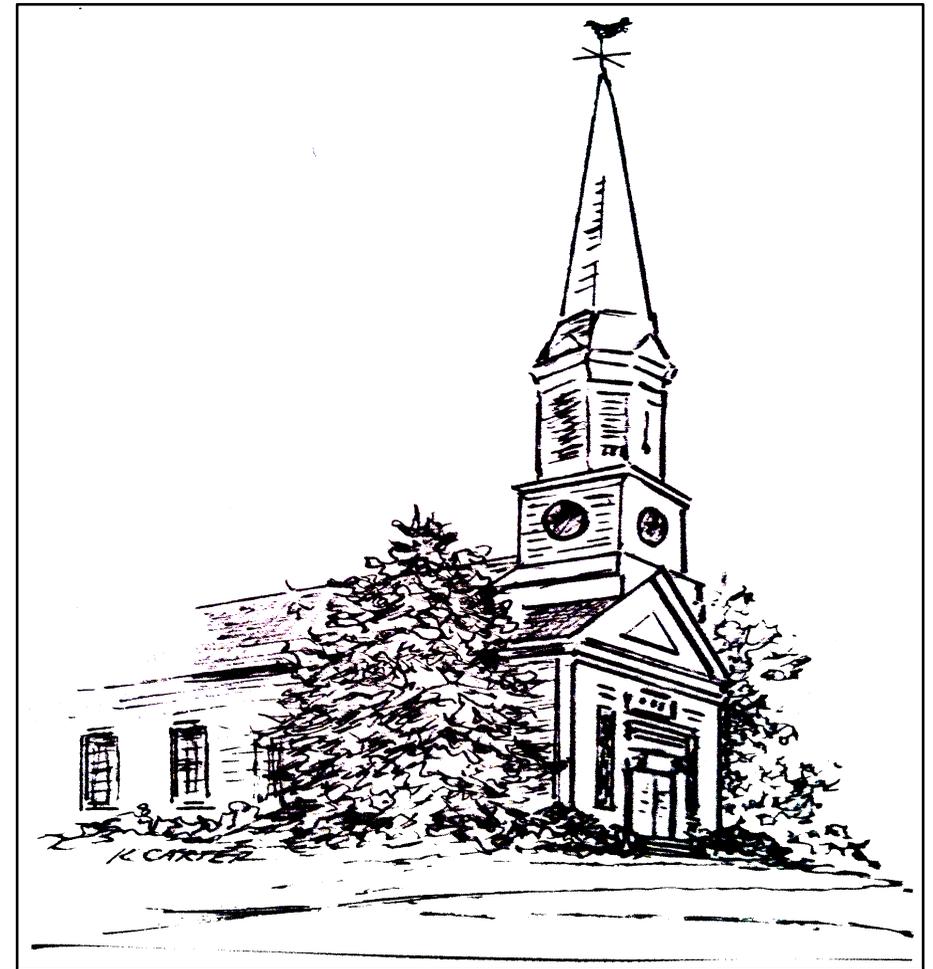
**Nursery Care:** *Our nursery is temporarily closed.*

**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 8, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**  
**MOTHER'S DAY/SCOUT SUNDAY**

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

**9:15AM HYMN SING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Dan Hollis

**PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

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

**"COME, LIFT YOUR HEARTS ON HIGH"**

Arr., Michael Ryan

**First Parish Handbell Choir**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*

**God of comfort and compassion, through Jesus, your Son, you lead us to the water of life and the table of your bounty. May we who have received the tender love of our Good Shepherd be strengthened by your grace to care for your flock. In Jesus' name we 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** "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" No. 473

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Pastor 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** "A FAMILY OF LOVE" Words and Music: Mary McDonald

*Thank you, God, for family, for those we call our own,  
for giving to each other a place to call our home.*

*For sisters and for brothers, for loved one all alone,*

*We thank you, God, for family, our family of love.*

*Thank you, God, for children you are trusting us to raise,  
and for the ones who raised us, we give to you the praise.*

*Each one, part of you, Father, extensions from above.*

*We thank you, God, for family, our family of love.*

**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**Gail Berneike, Meredyth Goss, Diana Parton, handbells**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 23 O.T. 464

**SERMON**

Pastor Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "NIMROD" (from *Enigma Variations*)  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER" No. 428

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major  
Attr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my mother and grandmothers  
By Hal Stanwood.*



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 Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries  
 Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

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 Amy Burke, Vice Moderator  
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