

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.

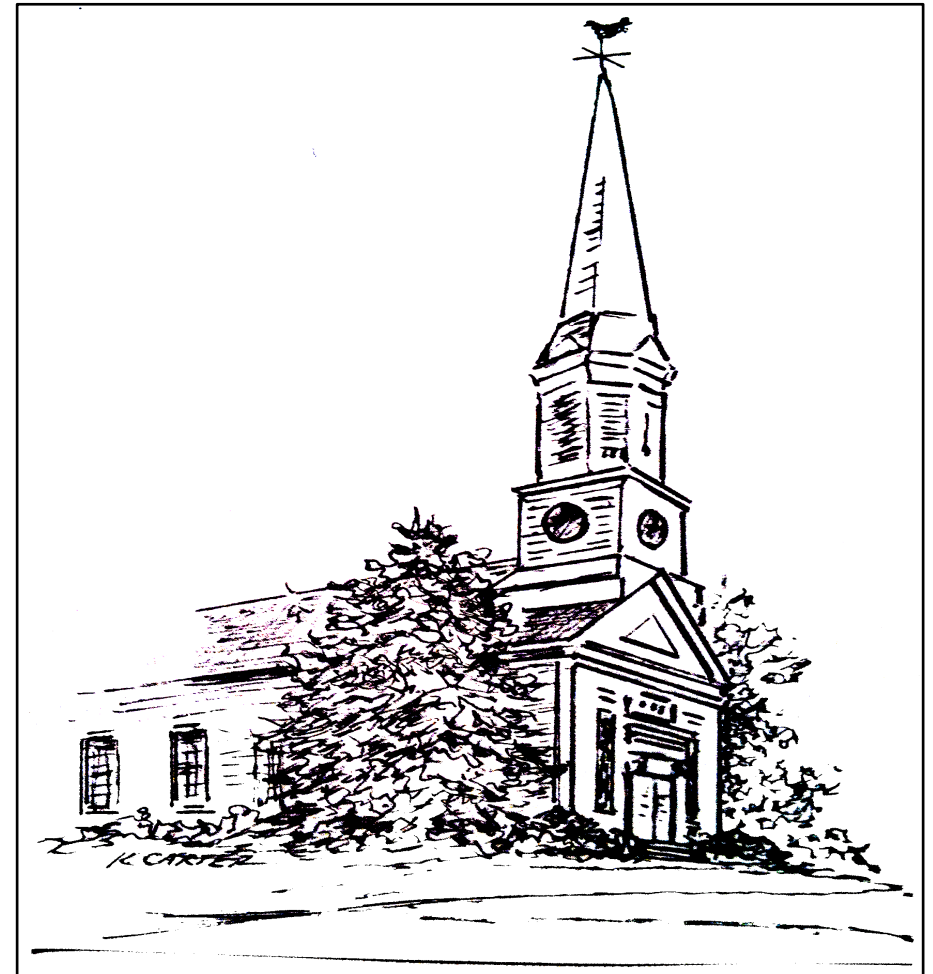
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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, JUNE 11, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

Adapted from Psalm 33

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Fill this place with praise.

P: Praise the Lord with the organ. Let us sing to God a new song.

L: The word of the Lord revives the soul.

P: We come with gratitude, because all God’s work is done in faithfulness.

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER” Arr., Jeffrey Honoré (b. 1956)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

Spirit of the heavens, fall on us as the spring rains water the earth. We seek your showers of blessing, that we might bear good fruit: the fruit of love and rejoicing, of peace and endurance, of patience and faith. 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** “WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES” No. 111

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

(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 "DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER" Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garments hem.

*As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee.

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluia! Alléluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 N.T. 8 Linda Drew

SERMON “Your Faith Made You Well” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"
Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

(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** “TRUST AND OBEY” No. 443

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “LEAD ON, ETERNAL SOVEREIGN”
Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

*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 given this Sunday morning in loving memory of our grandparents and parents
from Stephen and Martha.*



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Tuesday, June 13th	8:30am Yoga 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th	8am Strength Training 9:30am Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm Deacons Meeting
Thursday, June 15th	8am Zumba 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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Sunday, June 18th	10am Worship/Father's Day/Music Sunday featuring musical offerings by Handbells, Sweet Spirit, and Sanctuary Choir 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday School Fundraiser: The Sunday School children baked cupcakes and decorated them to raise money for The Center for Wildlife. The Center for Wildlife will be visiting **today, June 11**. In line with our theme of "caring for God's creation," the Center for Wildlife will be bringing at least one animal ambassador to Sunday School to educate the kids and share with them about the great work their organization does. You don't want your kids to miss it!

“Meeting the Angels” Workshop: This workshop has been canceled.

Fellowship In Action: All are welcome to come share ideas and learn about what we are planning! Monday, June 12 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided!

Green Tip/News: In the US alone, 550 million empty shampoo bottles are thrown away each year. Swap your plastic shampoo bottle for a shampoo bar, try a refillable personal care brand, or check your local package-free shop for more options.

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