

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.

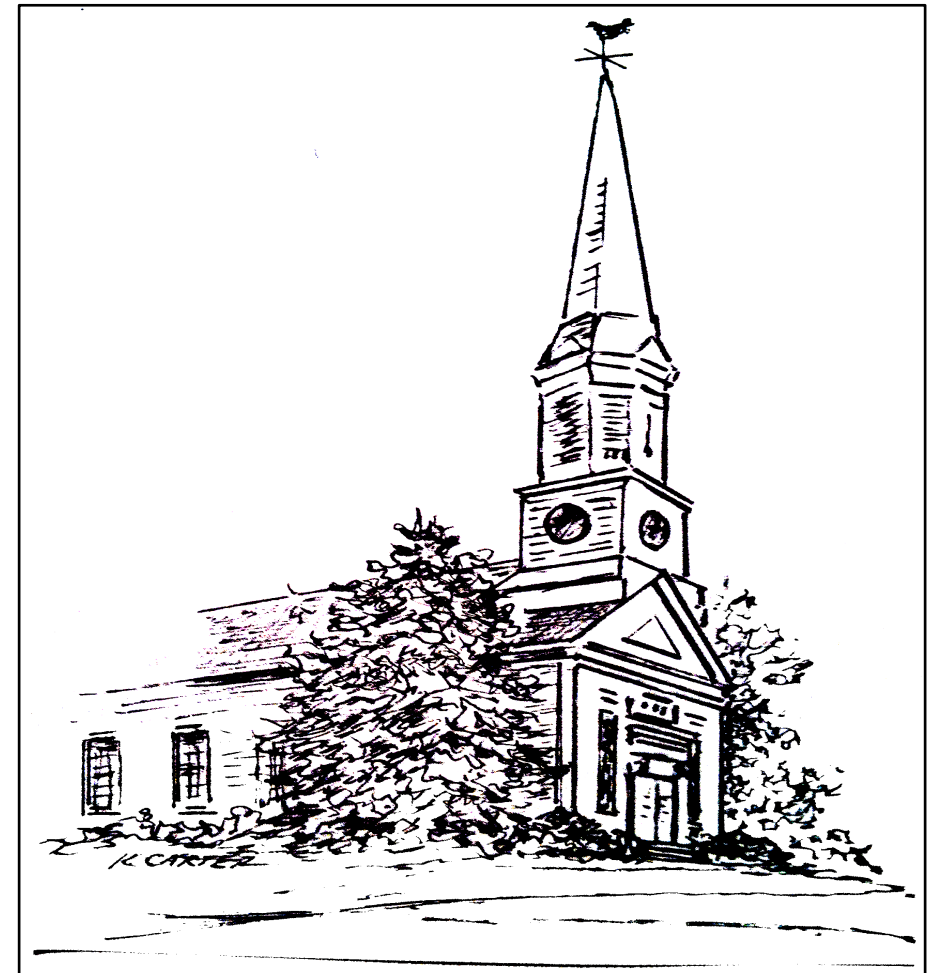
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show 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: Church school will be taking the summer off. During summer worship Deacons can provide activity bags for kids, and nursery space is available downstairs if your family has need of it at any point. As always children of all ages are welcome in worship with us, and baby noises are a source of joy for us all. Please be sure to return any activity bags at the end of the service. Sunday School will return in September!

**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.



**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Trumpet Dialogue Louis N. Clérambault (1676-1749)
“LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD” Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dan Hollis

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ’s light in the world.)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Larry Cassidy
God of power, you uphold us in times of persecution and strengthen us to meet the trials of faithful witness. You rescue us from sin and death through the love of Christ and the victory of his resurrection. Give us grace to follow him who gave himself for others, so that in our service, we may find the life he came to bring when he taught us this prayer...

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** “O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE” No. 589

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Eric Dupee

SPECIAL MUSIC "BLUE BOAT HOME"
Music: Rowland H. Prichard/Words: Peter Mayer
Jim White, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 20:7-13 O.T. 681 Larry Cassidy

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"
Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

(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** “WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER” No. 428

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune in D Major
C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

*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 Joanne Oakes
given by Lynne Tocci.*

*Flowers are given in loving memory my son, John Stewart
from Helen Stewart.*



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FAITH FEATURES

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Monday, June 26th	8:30am Shake It Up
Tuesday, June 27th	6:30pm Church Council Meeting
	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, June 28th	11am Nelson Giordano-Memorial Service
	8am Strength Training
	9:30am Bible Study-Zoom
Thursday, June 29th	8am Zumba
Friday, June 30th	8am Aerobics
Saturday, July 1st	8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting
Sunday, July 2nd	10am Worship/Communion-Special Music by Nate Cox and Leslie Giammanco

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dan Hollis

Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

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John Covino, Moderator

Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

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Fellowship in Action: Harvey Reid at the Historic Hamilton House in South Berwick Sunday, July 2 from 5pm – 6:30pm. Start the summer off right. Our own Harvey Reid multi talented musician is traditionally the featured performer at Concerts in the Garden. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$7 for students and children. Those wanting to carpool meet in front of the church at 3pm. Others can meet us there at 40 Vaughns Lane in South Berwick. Contact Dianne Goodwin at ammygood57@gmail.com or 207-361-7231.

Fellowship in Action: Berry picking on Friday, July 7 at 9am. We will gather as a group in front of Fellowship Hall before heading to the farm. We will head back to the church to have strawberries with shortcake and whipped cream. Delicious!! (Each person/family will likely have berries to take home for jam making or freezing.) Eric and Cathy McCulley cmcculley74@gmail.com or 978-394-2950

Storytellers: There are four Sundays in July and August after church for which to share part of your story. Simply sign up for a Sunday; conjure up some part of your life adventures, misfortunes, unforgettable moments, etc. I am always told that “I don’t have 15-20 minutes of things that might interest others” and then we have to point to the clock and say thank you! Encourage your friends to tell their story, too! More Info: Linda Drew. p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141

Men’s Gathering Barbeque: Men of First Parish let’s get together for some great food and fellowship! All are welcome. We’d love to know if you plan to attend. July 15 at 5pm at the home of Per Jonas, 88 Darcy Road in York. Wicked good brats, sides, vegetarian friendly option. RSVP Church office at office@firstparishyork.net or 207-363-3758.

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