

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.

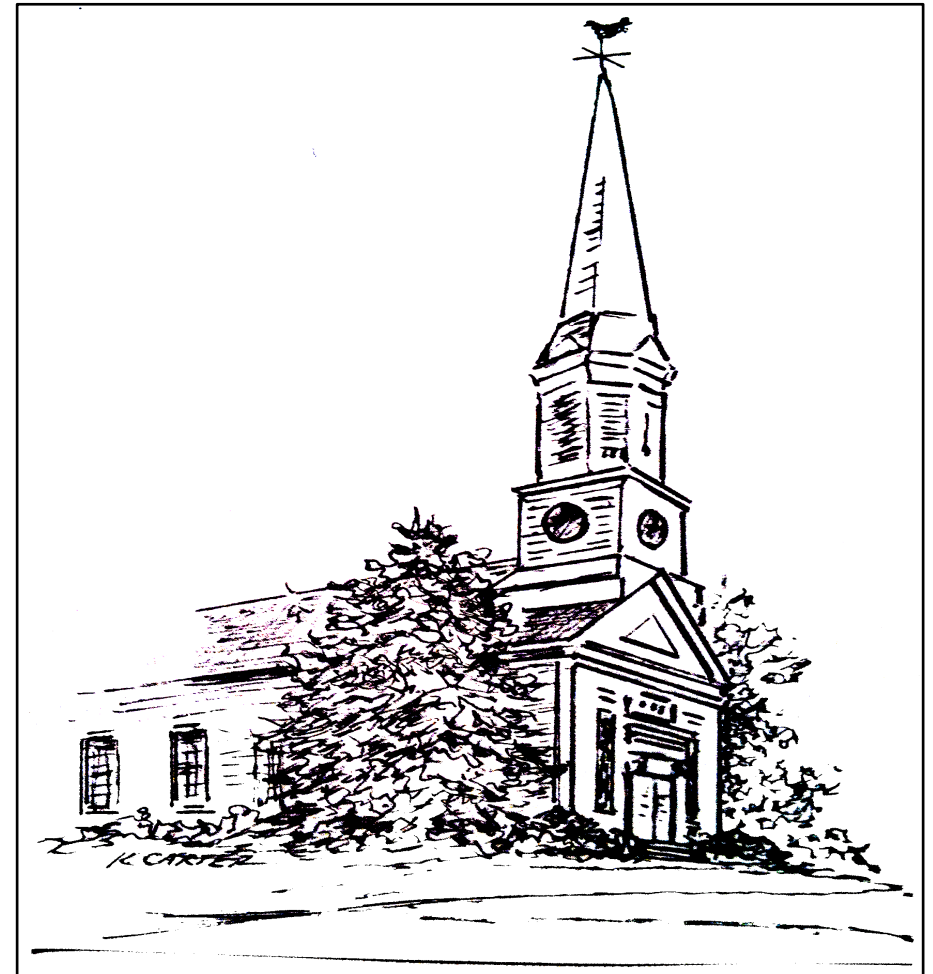
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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 4, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE Suite Gothique Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)
I. Introduction – Choral
III. Prière à Notre-Dame

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)* Barbara Kern
Holy God, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh, and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you manifest your concern for your whole universe. Fill us with strength, courage, discernment, and compassion, that we may be your instruments of justice and love in this world, that it may be on earth as it is in heaven, just as Christ 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** “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!” No. 136

(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Opening Hymn.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM "COME AND WORSHIP" Arr., Patti Drennan (b. 1952)
Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ the King! Alleluia! Amen!
Christians, will you join in worship and adore the Lord our God?
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 8 O.T. 455 Barbara Kern

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Variations on "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" (Nicea)
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.

HOLY COMMUNION
All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity, then we drink from our cups individually as a symbol of our individual relationships with Christ. (We serve grape juice, not wine, and have a pre-sealed option as well as gluten free crackers available in the center of the bread trays.)

***CLOSING HYMN** “GLORIFY THY NAME” No. 146

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 (“THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD”) Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.

Gratitude to all the Flower Committee Members for beautifying the Sanctuary.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 4th	10am Worship/Communion 11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, June 5th	8:30am Shake It Up 2pm Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday, June 6th	8:30am Yoga 9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting 2:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting
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"Meeting the Angels" Workshop: June 18, 2023 from 12noon-5pm. Angels are mentioned hundreds of times in the Old and New Testaments! If they are THAT important shouldn't we seek to know more about them? You are invited to this workshop to learn more about God's purpose for angels in our lives. Snacks and water provided. This group will include music, meditation and personal sharing. Please contact Kathie White via email at kwhitemed@gmail.com with any questions or to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Green Tip/News: Did you know that 700,000,000 plastic laundry jugs are dumped into landfills across North America every year? Laundry sheets are plastic free and work in all machines, including HE and standard washers. Just like your powdered detergent, just toss it in the wash!

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All the Members of the Congregation

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HOURS: 9:30am – 11am

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

SUGGESTED GENTLY USED ITEMS

Home Decor items, wall hangings, glassware, china, lamps, antiques, collectables, jewelry, small furniture, etc. – you get the idea!

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