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 socioeconomic 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, JULY 16, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE "THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET" Arr., John Carter (b.1930)
"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD" Arr., Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eric Dupee

L: What does this worship service need?

P: Quiet where faith can grow, song that inspires hope, scripture to contemplate, honest words to untangle a small length of knotty existence.

L: Who shall come to this worship service?

P: All who desire a life of prayer and all who are lonely for the touch of God.

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

GATHERING PRAYER (together)

Rev. Pat Smith

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Let love pour down upon the yearning earth and grant us peace as 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 "O WORSHIP THE KING" No. 2

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dan Hollis

SPECIAL MUSIC

"THE DEER'S CRY" (St. Patrick's Breastplate)

Shaun Davey (b. 1948)

 $I\ arise\ today,\ through\ the\ strength\ of\ heaven.\ Light\ of\ sun,\ radiance\ of\ moon.$

Splendor of fire, speed of lightning. Swiftness of wind.

Depth of the sea, stability of earth. Firmness of rock.

Christ before me, Christ within me,

Christ on every mouth that speaks of me, every eye that sees me.

Jim White, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Genesis 22:1-14 O.T. 16 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON "Dicerning God's Voice" Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD"

Music and Lyrics: George David Weiss and Robert Thiele

(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 "RAIN DOWN" No. 444

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" (*One Hundredth*) Arr., Fred Bock (1939-1998)

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 by Susan and Dennis Wierzba in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary.

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8am Zumba

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10am Worship-Music offered by Sumner Elwell

(clarinet) and Terrie Ilaria (piano)

Ministers



All the Members of the Congregation
Leading Worship Today:
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Rev. Dan Hollis
Staff

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

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