

**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).

**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.

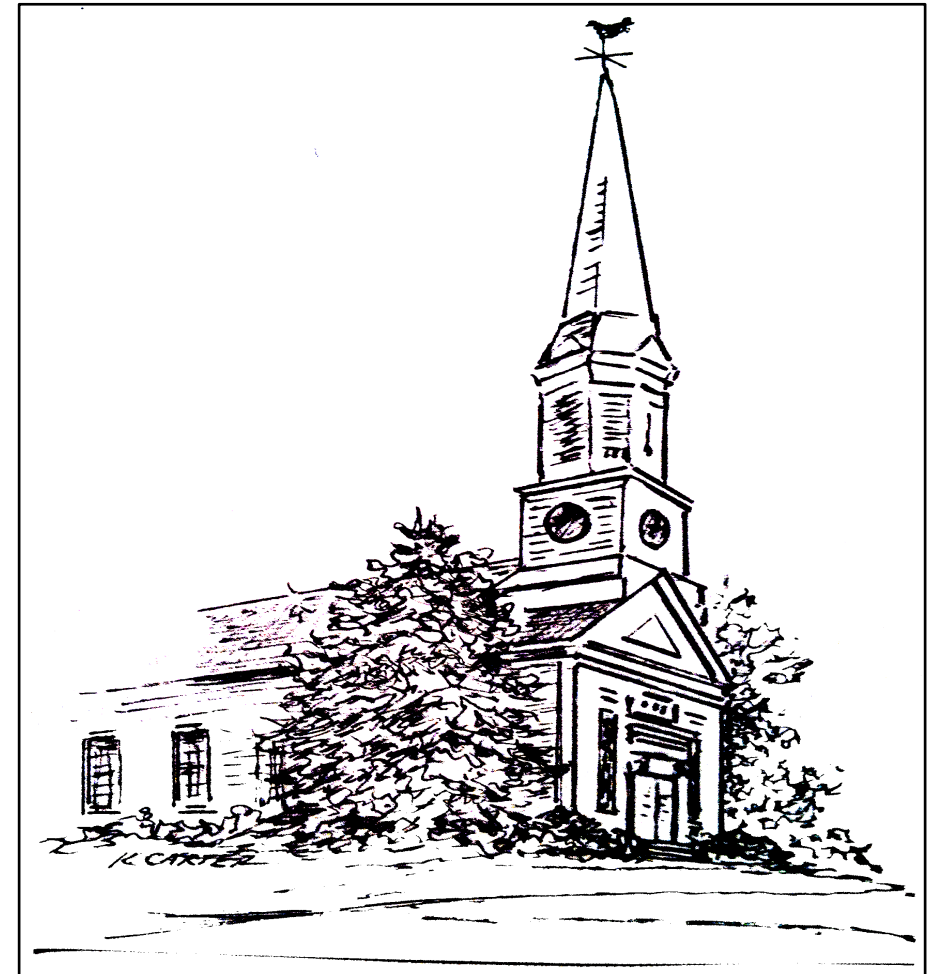
**Video and Streaming:** We stream our worship services live and archive them on [www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork](https://www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork). If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with 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.



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**SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP  
COMMUNION**

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

**PRELUDE** Suite from *Fireworks Music* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)  
Overture – The Rejoicing – Bourrée – The Peace

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Eric Dupee

*Adapted from Psalm 33*

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

**P: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s steadfast love.**

L: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; God frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**P: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord. Come and worship!**

**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

**Living God, as you gather us around your table we confess our need of your forgiveness. Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and we may put a stop to cruelty and indifference, which wounds the human family. Help us to change the world by changing ourselves as we follow Christ who taught 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** “GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND” No. 728

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**DUET** "A PATRIOTIC MEDLEY"  
**Leslie Giammanco and Nathan Cox**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 13 O.T. 457 Sherry McConnell

**SERMON** “Keep It Real” Rev. Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"  
Music: Thomas O. Chisholm/Words: William M. Runyan

*(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** “THIS IS MY SONG” *(insert)*

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Recessional on “NATIONAL HYMN”  
Arr., Mark Thewes (b. 1954)

*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 Richard Farnsworth by his family  
and in loving memory of Ronald Parsons by his family.



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## FAITH FEATURES

### THIS WEEK

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<b>Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:30am Shake It Up
<b>Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Yoga 9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Strength Training
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Eric and Cathy McCulley [cmcculley74@gmail.com](mailto:cmcculley74@gmail.com) or 978-394-2950

**Lowell National Historic Park in Lowell, MA. Boott Cotton Mill tour and Pawtucket Canal Boat Tour.** All are welcome! Learn about Lowell's unique industrial history on **Friday, August 18**. Carpool from Fellowship Hall at 9am. Explore stories of the workers, engineers, inventors, and investors who made Lowell the first successful planned industrial city in the US. Boott Mill admission: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$4 students, \$3 youth (or National Park Pass)

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We will also have lunch at a local restaurant TBD. To sign up, contact Kathy McQueeney **by July 15**, so she can buy advance tickets. [kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com](mailto:kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com) or 603.580.1184.

**Out to Lunch Bunch:** Interested in going out to lunch after worship with new friends, old friends, visitors worshipping? Great! Someone will be standing with a sign "Out to Lunch Bunch" in and around the Narthex after worship on the second Sunday of each month. We will decide on a destination at that time. Would love to have you join us. July 9, August 13, September 10 and October 8. Information contact Linda Drew 207-351-8141 or [p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)

**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.  
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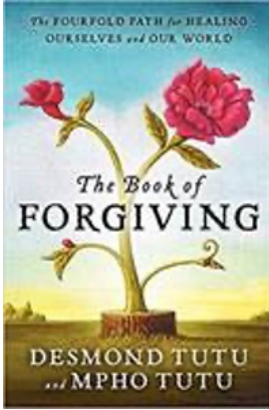
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*The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves  
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Facilitators: Pastor Eric and Linda Bruce.



**Time: Wednesdays, 7 pm - 8 pm, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16  
in the Fellowship Hall parlor**

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*Ps. 82:8*

# This Is My Song

*Lloyd Stone, 1934*

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

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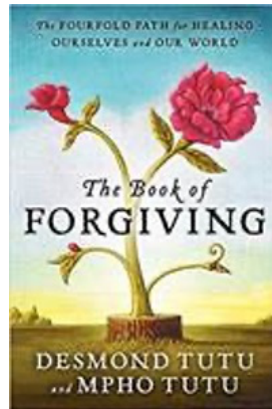
beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

*These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.*

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*Jean Sibelius, 1899*  
*Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933*

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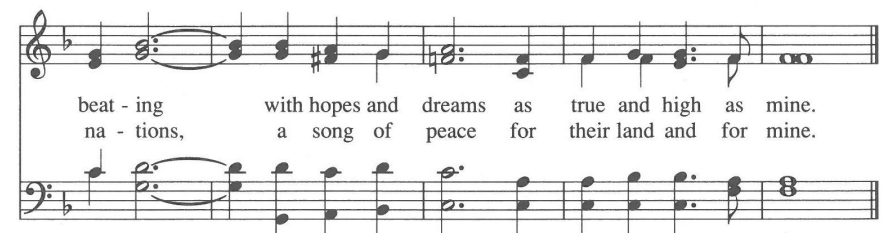
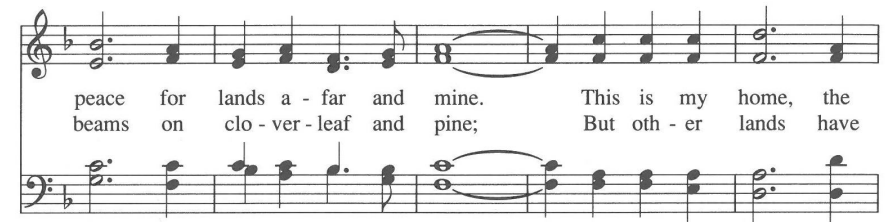
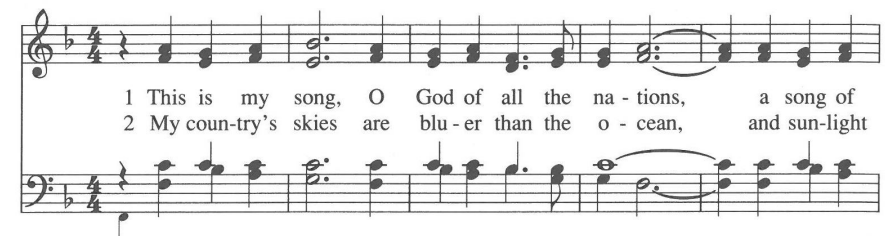
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